

Kadugli Newsletter and Prayer Diary

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The War in Sudan

The current conflict in Israel/Gaza has so dominated our news that the conflict in Sudan has been largely overlooked. Yet sadly, it continues throughout Sudan. The BBC reports that the RSF has captured Sudan's second largest city, Nyala the capital of South Darfur in the west of Sudan, from the SAF. Radio Dabanga says “RSF control of Nyala potentially has deep implications for the balance of power in the ongoing conflict, as it is the largest city in the Darfur region, and the largest city and commercial centre in Sudan after Khartoum.

Fighting continues elsewhere, notably in and around Khartoum and Omdurman, but also significantly in South Kordofan, the civil province corresponding to the ecclesiastical diocese of Kadugli. Food and other necessities remain scarce and expensive, and medical supplies are running out.

Saudi Arabia tried to arrange negotiations between the SAF and RSF in Jeddah, but these were suspended. Now they have restarted. Meanwhile in Addis Ababa, Abdallah Hamdok the former prime minister of Sudan during the transitional period has been chosen as head of the preparatory committee of the Civil Front to Stop the War (CSFW), expressed support for the Jeddah talks. The CSFW hope that within two months they will establish a “founding conference”, involving civilians in the peace and reconstruction process. Well, better jaw jaw than war war, but progress seems slow.

And what about the church in Sudan? Churches have been attacked, but many clergy continue to remain at their posts across the country, and worship and fellowship are maintained under difficult conditions, and Christians hold strongly to their faith in God.

Kadugli

Earlier we mentioned that fighting continued in South Kordofan/Kadugli. Radio Dabangs reports that fighting has taken place in the northeast part of the province. Later, the RSF announced their control of an SAF base. Local residents say most of the RSF crossed the border to neighbouring Um Rawaba in North Kordofan.”

We have no further reports of the SPLM in the area.

As we have reported previously Bishop Hassan and his family have taken refuge in one room of a friend's house close to the nearby mountains.

In the last edition we mentioned Rev. Ibrahim Musa, who ministers the Nuba Mountains. His ministry also takes him across the border into South Sudan and also into Uganda, ministering to displaced Sudanese. He has recently been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity at Uganda Christian University, and comments “Another Victory Step to the Glory of God, Bachelor of Divinity at Uganda Christian University. Pray for Divine Success and for more Blessings to come for the Extension of God's Kingdom.” Photos of the occasion follow:

Ibrahim



Ibrahim and Family

What can I do to help?

Much the most important thing continues to be our prayers. Bishop Hassan reports that our prayers are valued, and indeed most of us cannot see any way of resolving this terrible situation without God's involvement. Please see the Prayer Diary below.

Prayer Diary

“Please do not grow tired of praying for Sudan” (Archbishop Ezekiel)

Please pray:

- for an end to the conflict throughout Sudan, for healing of divisions, and for a peace settlement that will lead to a stable government, dedicated to the good of the whole people of Sudan.
- for the protection of ordinary people throughout Sudan, and especially for the people in Kadugli Diocese, and for the provision of the necessities of life.
- Bless and protect the various aid agencies operating in dangerous conditions, and especially pray for medical supplies.
- Give thanks for the steadfastness of the Christian community throughout Sudan, and for the encouragement and strengthening of the church, and that God will cause the church to grow in numbers and in maturity.

A Prayer for Sudan

God our Father, whose son Jesus Christ wept over your people, because they knew not the way of peace and were as sheep without a shepherd; hear our prayer for the all the people of Sudan. Turn the hearts of their leaders to reconciliation and peace. Bless Archbishop Ezekiel, his bishops and clergy that they may have the strength and support to be true shepherds of your people in the midst of war. Strengthen those who seek to bring peace, who heal the sick and feed the starving and hasten the time when all nations will own your just and gentle rule and receive your gift of peace. Amen.



Every blessing,

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