

New Assistant Bishop of Khartoum

At its meeting on 19 March the Diocese of Khartoum elected the Revd Canon Fajak Avajani to be Assistant Bishop of Khartoum. Archbishop Ezekiel carries a very heavy load. He is not only an Archbishop, with international responsibilities, but also Bishop of Khartoum. His diocese contains the great cities of Khartoum and Omdurman and stretches north hundreds of miles down the Nile as far as Egypt. Those who know his work welcome this opportunity for him to have a colleague helping him advance the work in Sudan.



Fajak and his wife Cici are well known to visitors to Sudan as Fajak is head of the ECS Bible Translation Department in Omdurman. He is a quiet, gracious man with a deep love of the Lord and an amazing testimony of how God has led him through his life.

Born in 1964, he speaks good English and Arabic but his mother tongue is Tira, his home village being in the eastern Nuba Mountains. Almost from the beginning of his becoming a Christian he knew he was called to translate the Bible into his home language. In 2009 as the Tira New Testament was dedicated and distributed for the first time he prayed "My prayer is that this Bible will not take a holiday in boxes but will visit every Tira speaker, and engage him or her with the message of eternal redemption, and draw him or her near to God. May God's Spirit create hunger and thirstiness for His word in every Tira speaker in this generation and in every generation to come till Christ returns, so that they will be among God's elect who will welcome Him."

