

# Kadugli Newsletter and Prayer Diary

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

After thirty years of civil war, achieving peace in all parts of Sudan is a lengthy process.

SPLM-North, which is predominantly Christian, was one of the main rebel groups and operated in the Nuba Mountains, a part of Kadugli Diocese. While other rebel groups signed a peace settlement with the new civilian government, SPLM-N held out, insisting Sudan must be a secular state.

Now the Sudanese government and SPLM-N have signed a declaration of principles that calls for freedom of religion and cultural identity in a democratic state and seeks to separate religion and the state saying:

*“No religion shall be imposed on anyone and the state shall not adopt any official religion.”*

The signing on 28 March 2021 is viewed as a crucial step in efforts by the power-sharing government to end decades of conflict with a wide range of rebel factions.

Meanwhile, in the town of Kadugli medical workers are reported to have gone on strike after repeated acts of abuse of authority and intimidation against them by the Sudan Armed Forces. Clearly more needs to be done for peace to take root.

Food and other shortages continue. Life is more difficult, although some people are able to get what they really need; for others, however, life is more difficult. So far as we know, this problem is not confined to South Kordofan province.

Turning from this, Peace Primary School continues to thrive. Thank you for your support for the planned new kindergarten unit. In anticipation of all the funds being obtained it is hoped to start the work in May this year.

Meanwhile, the administration of the Diocese is under review, and we shall pray about this.

There is also very good news about the progress of Rooted in Jesus. Babuj, the Rooted in Jesus co-ordinator, recently visited Dilling and Salara (both roughly to the north of Kadugli). Salara especially is in the SPLM-N controlled area. He reports “God has done great work particularly in Salara where a lot of Muslims accepted Jesus Christ during my visit there. Those who came for healing and got recovered”. In a further report he reveals that twenty-two people accepted Jesus and were baptised, including three officials, and that some people attended from El-Obeid in North Kordofan province (and thus probably technically outside Kadugli Diocese, but if God is not bothered, why should we be?).

Babuj has also kindly provided these photos:

These people are all Muslims raising their hands asking God to heal them from their illness during the three spiritual days in Salara district held by Rooted in Jesus team from Eldalang (Dilling) as well as two hymn groups one from Eldalang and the other from El-obied towns twenty-two person accepted Jesus and baptized.



This picture shows the baptism service for twenty-two new people accepted Jesus during the three days of activating the spiritual work in Salara district.



This picture shows some of new Muslim who accepted Jesus and baptized with the present of two pastors, Hassan Sudan Rooted in Jesus member and Pastor Abdo from Elfaw Town as well Mother Naomi Rooted in Jesus Member from Eldalang.





# Prayer Diary

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This month, please pray that:

- Food and other necessities will be provided for all
- God will bless the peace process in Sudan, and that peaceful respect between the military and civil population will take root in practical ways
- God will continue to bless the work of Rooted in Jesus, that he will lead many more to put their trust in Jesus and especially that he will bless, guide and strengthen those who have already done so
- God will continue to bless the work of the Peace Primary School
- God will guide the review of the Diocese’s administration



Every blessing, John Joy  
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