

Kadugli Newsletter and Prayer Diary

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The last newsletter opened with the welcome news that the Peace Primary School had opened. This has created great interest in the town. The latest news is that there are eleven teachers and over two hundred children in the school, and they may well have three hundred to three hundred & fifty children next year.

Success brings its own challenges, and the obvious one is where are these children to be accommodated? The site is small, so there is little room for expansion, except upwards, and one idea is to build an additional storey on to the existing school building. We wait to see what proposals are put forward.



Peace Primary School



Over the past year various events have disrupted the progress of the Rooted in Jesus course, and have also hindered visits that would have provided help and encouragement. In the annual review of the course, plans are outlined for reinvigorating the groups and making progress towards completing Book 2 of the course.

Kadugli Diocese is much more than Kadugli town, and the last newsletter mentioned the eastern part of South Kordofan (the eastern part of the diocese), where only 3% of the population is Christian. To the west of Kadugli is an area that is still controlled by rebels, and outside the diocese is Darfur. It is now possible to travel freely in the Nuba mountains despite peace talks for that area having stalled. In other areas controlled by the rebels, although peace has been formally agreed, this has yet to result in changes on the ground, and the church is weak there. Many people have no mainstream religion but follow traditional local beliefs and rely on kujurs (shamans). This is clearly an area which needs a movement of God's Spirit.

To the north of Kadugli is the town of Dilling, where we helped to provide a grinding mill. Here the news is that two Muslims accepted Jesus. As in other cases, the church had not done any special outreach; God did the work directly.

Inside the church at Dilling



The grinding mill at Dilling



On the wider Sudanese stage, one of the last acts of the Trump administration was to remove Sudan from its list of state sponsors of terrorism and allow the country to borrow the substantial sums it needs. This should help the economy, and hopefully reduce the extremely high rate of inflation Sudan has been experiencing. If this sounds remote from everyday experience, then consider: one consequence of the inflation had been a sharp increase in the cost of living for the ordinary Sudanese. We need to bear this in mind when praying for our brothers and sisters in Kadugli.

Finally, one other answer to prayer. While we in the UK have been lamenting 100,000 deaths from COVID-19 and praying for Sudan as a whole and Kadugli in particular, currently Kadugli reports no Coronavirus at all!

Prayer Diary

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This month, please pray for:

- Sudan, its government and people, and its economy, remembering especially the effects of inflation on the poorest people.
- God’s continued blessing on the Rooted in Jesus course, for the reinvigorating of the groups, and the growth of the church in numbers, in maturity and in confidence, and chiefly in the closeness of the members’ walks with God.
- The spread of the gospel among the peoples of the Nuba mountains and the areas beyond the diocese in Darfur, for God to bless them with a lively faith, and that the church will be built up in that area.
- God to bless those who have recently turned to Jesus from Islam, and to protect them and their families from harm.

And give thanks to God for his answers to our prayers, and particularly for the protection of Kadugli from Coronavirus.



Every blessing, John Joy
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