Kadugli Newsletter and Prayer Diary

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

As we look to the building up of Sudan through such initiatives as the building of Peace Primary School and its kindergarten, we are reminded that there are still threats to the stability of that country and therefore to the work being done in Kadugli Diocese.

In 2019, after years of government by the military, a transitional government was established with both civil and military representatives. On 22 September junior army officers, reportedly affiliated to the regime of former President Bashir, tried to overthrow the transitional government, but their coup was foiled. The attempt has nevertheless drawn attention to tensions within the transitional government, and foreign envoys have arrived in Sudan to encourage unity.

To add to this, an unrelated incident relating to a jihadist cell in southern Khartoum resulted in six people being killed and the arrest of four jihadists.

Meanwhile, the rain and floods have continued, and we wait to see the effects on crops and livestock, on roads and buildings.

Turning then to more positive matters, and especially in relation to Kadugli, it is good to be reminded that in all this, life goes on. As an example, Bishop Hassan's wife Nusa has given birth to a baby daughter, pictured below.



Moving up a few years, the kindergarten continues to make progress. Many of you will have seen this latest photo:



Comparison with the picture in last month's edition reveals the rooms now look dark; this is because the roof is now on!

We have been asked to help with the cost of recruiting four new teachers, and also to fund the school fees for thirty orphan children. Our funds did not allow us to send the full amount requested for the teachers; about £1,000 remains outstanding, and any contributions will be appreciated. In addition, we had no money for the school fees and had to issue an appeal. Money is still coming in, and we are truly grateful for your generosity. Rooted in Jesus groups have been less active during the harvest season, but Babuj, the Rooted in Jesus Coordinator, hopes to get things moving again. It has to be said, however, that some areas and groups need more effort than others. Please pray for all the Rooted in Jesus groups, both their leaders and their members, and also that the Holy Spirit will encourage and empower them to spread the Good News among their communities.

Finally, Salisbury Sudans Link Committee are running a Sudans Day on Saturday 9 October 09:30 – 16:00 at St Francis Church, Salisbury. Fees £8 per person payable on the day (£6 for the unwaged/retired or where 3 or more people share a car). Please book by ringing 01963 23726 or by e-mailing <u>sudan.secretary@salisbury.anglican.org</u>

Prayer Diary

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This month, please pray:

- God will bring peace, and unity to all parts of Sudan
- "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Pray for the children of Sudan, and especially in Kadugli
- That funds will become available to pay the balance for the recruitment of teachers, and for the payment of school fees for orphans
- For relief from the floods
- That God will revive and bless the work of Rooted in Jesus in the diocese of Kadugli
- For God's blessing on the Sudans Day on 9 October



Every blessing, John Joy Bradford Deanery Lay Chairman