Kadugli Newsletter and Prayer Diary

After the disturbances earlier in the year it is good that we have no recent reports of violence. Bishop Hassan's work of reconciliation seems to be being blessed. The effects of the violence both this year and in the past need to be made good.

Judging by the statistics, Sudan has not been too badly affected by the pandemic, and if the cities of Khartoum and Omdurman were worst hit Kadugli, 400 miles away, suffered far less, which is a cause for thanksgiving. Similarly, Kadugli has not been affected by the widespread flooding of the Nile. Nevertheless, the effects of the violence linger, and the Rooted in Jesus courses have struggled. A planned conference and training course to launch Book 2 of the course in October did not take place, though a fresh one is being planned.

Encouragingly, registration of pupils for the Peace Primary School (see picture) has started, and they are planning to open three classes this year. Some of the poorest families will have difficulties in raising the money for the fees for their children, and we want to help with this. Could you and your church help?



Peace Primary School in Kadugli

Much of the work of organising things falls on Bishop Hassan and the Diocesan Secretary Babuj Simon. It can entail attending various committees, an experience we share with them! Babuj has recently been elected to represent the Inter-Church Committee, and he and Bishop Hassan also attended a standing committee meeting held in All Saints Cathedral Khartoum. As Babuj comments "It was a very busy time, full of tasks."

Babuj asks us to pray for the church in South Kordofan in general (South Kordofan is the civil province in which the Diocese of Kadugli lies) as it is short of well-qualified leaders.

He asks that especially at this time God will support the church with very good leaders who emphasise the importance of spiritual activities and have a big vision for spiritual transformation. Amen to that! And let us remember that just as we pray for our brothers and sisters in Kadugli, they too pray for us.



Congregation worshipping in Kadugli Cathedral

Prayer Diary

Over the next month please pray for:

- 1. For God's continued protection of his people in Kadugli Diocese, and especially for those who have recently turned from Islam to Jesus.
- 2. For the spiritual growth of the church in Kadugli, and for the role of Rooted in Jesus in promoting spiritual maturity in believers.
- 3. That God will bring forward leaders in South Kordofan who are endowed with wisdom and power and eagerness for the church to grow both in numbers and in maturity.
- 4. For the transformation of the church in Kadugli Diocese and throughout Sudan by the power of God's Holy Spirit to the glory of God.
- 5. For Peace Primary School, that no child will be barred from an education because of poverty, and that the school will inspire and equip children to play their parts in God's service.
- 6. For Bishop Hassan and Babuj Simon that God will guide and strengthen them in his service, and in the many roles they must fulfil, and that he will bless them and their families.



Every blessing, John Joy

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