

# Kadugli Newsletter and Prayer Diary

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## Recent News on Sudan.

News from Sudan is mostly general rather than specific, but it seems the SAF is advancing towards the west of the country, but still fiercely resisted by the RSF. As the SAF controls more ground, refugees have begun to return home, to places such as Khartoum, Al Jazira and White Nile in the East of Sudan. It is estimated that over 1.5 million of these have returned from other parts of Sudan, and another half million from abroad. Where fighting continues, however, people continue to flee their homes, bringing down the overall figure.

There is other encouraging news. UNICEF report that a humanitarian aid convoy has reached Dilling in South Kordofan province, This marks the first substantial delivery to this area by any UN agency since October 2024, and the convoy now will proceed to the provincial capital Kadugli. UNICEF reports that “The supplies are expected to benefit about 120,000 where humanitarian needs have reached catastrophic levels and communities have been under siege for months”.

Encouraging though this is, we must remember future deliveries are not guaranteed, and that even what has been provided is only one delivery; many more will be needed.

## The Church in Sudan.

The church in Sudan has to live with the destruction of many of its buildings. A photo was posted on Facebook recently, showing the ruins of a church, and with the message “Here I came to Jesus and talked and cried ..... My church is destroyed, but Christ will not be destroyed.”

This is by no means an isolated instance. Many churches have been damaged or destroyed, and their members and clergy scattered. Talking about this recently, Archbishop Ezekiel cited his own family as an example, staying in three different places. He knew of families scattered even more widely, and some who had lost contact with each other. Separation was a form of trauma needing healing. He recognised that the church needed people skilled in dealing with these issues.

Archbishop Ezekiel has been able to bring support and encouragement by visiting and ministering to the church in different parts of the country, including Dongola in the Northern State, Khartoum and Omdurman, and also the Nuba Mountains. He called for action to bring peace and unity, and prayed God would give the church the vision to handle the present crisis.

## What about Kadugli Diocese?

News of the UNICEF humanitarian aid convoy is too fresh to be able to confirm it has reached Kadugli. When it arrives it will be welcome. It is expected to benefit 120,000 people, so much more is needed and regularly. Our own contributions are very important and are gratefully received, as are our prayers.



Accounts of specific acts of violence are few, but the worry and the danger is always present, as may be inferred from the prayer requests. Let us remember our suffering brothers and sisters also have families for whom they care. This comes through in messages from Archbishop Ezekiel and Bishop Hassan, and will be true for many others.

Conditions make it difficult for the church in Kadugli to witness, but it is evident the church continues to thrive amongst all the turmoil. There have been three confirmation services around the end of June/beginning of July, each with over 100 candidates; photos are attached.



We continue to support the people of Kadugli in their search for desperately needed food and other essentials, and in addition, we have been supporting Hassan's son Yassa with help for his fees for his course at a university in Uganda. Our latest news is that he is doing well. For administrative and other reasons any money given for Hassan's son Yassa would need to be kept distinct from other funds, so anyone wishing to donate for Yassa can use the same payment details as for other funds for Kadugli, but with the reference "Yassa" instead of "Kadugli."

Across Bradford Deanery there has been a continuous warm and generous response to this need; thank you all. The church in Kadugli is intensely grateful for our support, both financial and in prayer. Please continue to give via your church if you can, or directly. The account details are:

Bank:	Lloyds Bank Trowbridge
Name of Account:	Bradford Deanery
Sort Code:	30-98-75
Account No.	00710285
Reference	Kadugli. Or, as mentioned above, Yassa. ( <u>N.B. This is important</u> )

Please also consider ways of raising funds for Kadugli.

And as always, we ask you to pray.

# Prayer Diary

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

Bishop Hassan rightly says the present conflict and its attendant troubles need God's intervention.

- Let us pray for the nation of Sudan, that God will bring about peace and unity, stability and healing, and that he will give the church vision in handling the present crisis. Above all, we pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of the people there and bring them to a saving knowledge of God in Christ Jesus.
- Pray for food and medicine to be supplied.
- Pray for those made homeless.
- We pray God will enable the church to overcome the many difficulties and to bear witness to him with love, joy and confidence, and to serve one another and their neighbours.
- Remember before God the families, especially of Archbishop Ezekiel and of Bishop Hassan, for their protection and provision and strengthening in their faith.