Kadugli Newsletter and Prayer Diary

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

Recent News on Sudan.

News from Sudan continues to be mostly general rather than specific, but it seems the SAF is consolidating its hold on the area through which the road from Khartoum towards Dilling and on towards Kadugli, but it is still being fiercely resisted by the RSF.

Every day in the UK we see news and protests about the situation in Gaza, and the humanitarian crisis there is indeed horrific. Yet we hear and see practically nothing about Sudan, which is the location of what the UN continues to describe as the world's worst humanitarian crisis, with Kadugli being mentioned as one of the areas most affected by famine.

Last month UNICEF reported that a humanitarian aid convoy had reached Dilling in South Kordofan province, This marked the first substantial delivery to this area by any UN agency since October 2024, and the convoy was expected to proceed to the provincial capital Kadugli. This, though welcome, would have been a drop in the ocean of need, but we have been unable to find any reports that the convoy reached Kadugli.

Sudan's Prime Minister Kamil El Tayeb Idris addressed the 80th session of the UN General Assembly recently to warn that his country faces "existential dangers" from war, genocide, and foreign mercenaries. "Sudan has bled," he declared. "Our villages and cities have fallen silent under the shadow of unprecedented war, unprecedented invasion," while accusing the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) of mass displacement, plunder, and demographic engineering. (It should be noted that it is the SAF, not the RSF which is part of the legitimate government of Sudan.)

Idris urged the UN to classify the RSF as a terror group and halt arms flows fuelling their campaign. He criticised the Security Council's inaction, asking: "Imagine: it was adopted a year ago, and nothing has happened. Is this plausible?"

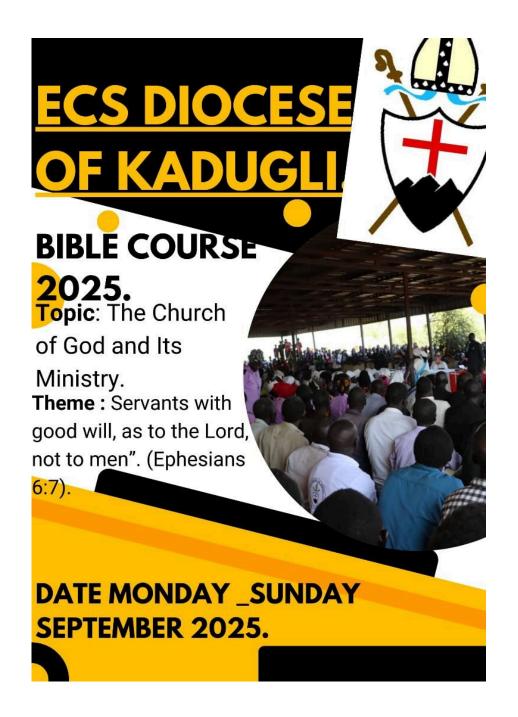
Sadly, listening to a broadcast by Al Jazeera, it seems as though there is little will among the combatant parties for a serious diplomatic resolution to the conflict. The civilian population continues to suffer.

What about Kadugli Diocese?

Kadugli, as already mentioned, is in a publicly designated famine area. This emphasises the importance of whatever aid we can give.

How is the church there doing among all this? Last month we reported three confirmation services, each with over a hundred candidates. Now the Diocesan Communications Officer reports "The Church in Nuba Mountain is at a very important a season of spiritual revival through Bible Course annually! We request for your prayers that God will use His servants for this revival. Many thanks for your prayers."

A poster for a recent course is shown below



Photographs show many young people present, and if the next photo is anything to go by, there seems to have been plenty of rejoicing!

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. (N.B. This is important)

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 a will for peace and unity, stability and healing, and that he will give the church wisdom 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, and for shelter for those made homeless.
- We pray God will build his church and sustain it, and bless in particular the leadership as they seek under God to guide his church.
- Remember before God the families, especially of Bishop Hassan, and pray for their protection and provision and strengthening in their faith.