

October 2017 01/10/17: Around the Dioceses – El Obeid

El Obeid is a desert diocese, stretched over a vast area with only a handful of churches. Bishop Ismail is the hard-working evangelist who leads this diocese. Pray for the diocese of El Obeid that the small number of Christians there would be strengthened and that the Lord would 'make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert' (Isa. 43.19).

08/10/17: Around the Dioceses – Kadugli

Warfare is commonplace in South Kordofan, where Kadugli diocese is located. The govt. regularly bombs civilian villages, and is involved in skirmishes with rebels. There is also a steady flow of refugees fleeing violence in South Sudan. We ask that Isaiah's words would come true for Kadugli: 'He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore' (Isa. 2.4).

15/10/17: Around the Dioceses – Wad Medani

Wad Medani was badly affected by the secession of South Sudan, with Christians having to move south across the border into S. Sudan. Many clergy emigrated, the diocese is being run on a shoe-string, and exciting building and income-generation projects lack the resources to become reality. Let us echo Nehemiah's plea for restoration, for Wad Medani: 'Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace' (Neh. 2.17).

22/10/17: Around the Dioceses – Port Sudan

The diocese of Port Sudan is separated from Saudi Arabia by just the Red Sea. Culturally, linguistically, politically and religiously the Arabian peninsula has a huge effect on modern Sudan. In the Bible Israel has a chequered relationship with Arabia, but in Acts 2.11 we see Arabs coming to faith in Christ at Pentecost. Pray that in Port Sudan, and indeed the whole nation, many Arabic-speaking Sudanese would come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

29/10/17: Around the Dioceses – Khartoum

The sprawling and densely populated city of Khartoum is the centre of power and governance in Sudan, it is now also the seat of Archbishop Ezekiel. Let's echo Jeremiah's hope, that - in challenging times - the Church in Khartoum would 'seek the peace of the city' (Jer. 29.7). May they also be assured of God's presence with them, and that the Lord has 'plans to prosper you and not to harm, plans to give you a hope and a future' (Jer. 29.11).