

July 2017

02/07/17: Family of Bishop Andudu July's prayers are shaped by various email correspondence and updates link group members receive periodically from Sudan. There is quite a personal feel to many of the prayer requests, reflecting the close nature of our relationship with the Church in Sudan. Bishop Andudu's wife Jaleela suffered a stroke recently that left her extremely unwell. Please pray for Jaleela, Andudu and the wider family as they come to terms with this and care for her. May they know God's grace and healing at this time.

09/07/17: El Obeid Relief Efforts Bishop Ismail reported on the large-scale distribution of 'dura', a staple grain, to those in need. A sizable amount of money was spent on this relief. It raises the dilemma for the group of how much money should be channelled into relief efforts and what should be saved for income-generation schemes or bigger long-term projects, like school-building. Please pray for all those who are hungry in Sudan and South Sudan; as well as wisdom in the allocation of limited funds.

16/07/17: Bishop Abdu's Transport Needs Bishop Abdu struggles to travel across the vast expanses of his Port Sudan diocese. He is currently leasing a vehicle with support from the link group. Pray for his transport needs. Abdu adds that travelling so much is not only exhausting but leads to him being away from his family for long periods of time. He asks us to pray for him, to find time to do his work effectively and be there for his family.

23/07/17: Visiting Sudan Next Year There is the potential of another visit to Sudan next year in February or March of 2018. Please pray for the logistics and planning of this trip – particularly for John Poole, who is the main organiser at the UK end – and that people would take this opportunity to visit the Church in Sudan.

30/07/17: New Province Inauguration Celebration Service The new internal province of Sudan – as a distinct entity in contrast to the Episcopal Church in South Sudan – is being celebrated on the 30th July, 2017 with an inauguration service at Khartoum Cathedral. Please pray for this occasion and all it represents for Anglicans and the wider Church in Sudan. Archbishop Ezekiel will need particular prayers as he seeks to represent the Church at the levels of local and national government. Ask God's blessing on him.