

How Can Our Church Help?

Prayer

Prayer is powerful, and is one of the most sought-out and cherished ministries of our partnership. Please consider a ministry of prayer in your congregation that will focus on specific pastors, congregations, and their needs. Contact Bob Tyson at the Presbytery office for a list.

Presence

An incarnational partnership is one that recognizes the blessing of sharing lives and worshipping together. Last summer, churches in our presbytery were enriched by a visit from Rev. Philip Akway Obang and Rev. Barnaba Abass Tia of the Sudanese Church. Visitors from Redstone Presbytery, in turn, have traveled three times to Sudan on mission trips. Presence means caring: in one rural Sudanese congregation, a church member joyfully exclaimed, “We can’t believe that you came all this way to be with us! Praise God!” Your church can help by supporting travel opportunities.

Projects and Programs

There are many opportunities for churches to partner in life-giving programs of nurture and support, such as:

- basic education and teacher training;
- health care and water purification;
- prison ministries;
- women’s and youth ministries;
- Darfur relief

Political Action

The PC(USA) supports the Sudan Advocacy Action Forum, an ecumenical group of volunteers who work to achieve a just and lasting peace in Sudan. Their website is www.sudanadvocacy.com



Our Partnership with Christians in Sudan

Four years ago, in a united voice, the churches in Redstone Presbytery voted to enter a partnership with the Sudanese Presbyterian Evangelical Church. SPEC has 64 church congregations and over 60 preaching centers in Sudan, a country where the Christian witness is brilliantly alive. Our partners are Christians who are deeply committed to living out the gospel of Jesus Christ, sharing hope and joy in the midst of the brokenness and harsh challenges in the world around them.

The Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan

The people in Sudan have suffered greatly in the past 20 years, with over 2 million lives lost in armed conflict, and over 180,000 lives exterminated in a government-sanctioned genocide of native people. In addition, hundreds of thousands of people have died of starvation, and over one million people have become refugees from their ancestral farmlands.