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(North) Sudan

Bishop Ezekiel Kondo

The Bishop of Khartoum (the northern capital) was in Salisbury Cathedral for the enthronement of Bishop Nicholas Holtam.

Representing the Archbishop (Daniel Deng), Ezekiel met with the Archbishop of Canterbury and foreign office officials to brief them on the situation for Christians in the north.

Ezekiel also met with Diocesan supporters in Sarum College.

**The North was described as suffocating its newborn sibling.*

** South Sudanese in the north are to be made non-citizens.*

** The church in the north faces the possibility of full Sharia Law.*



Bishop John Zawo and his wife Nancy in Corscombe, July 2008

South Sudan

Bishop Nicholas

Bishop Holtam & Dean Osborne are visiting Sudan meeting bishops, clergy & diocesan representatives, to learn about the life and work of the ECS (10th November '11).

They will also visit local parishes, churches and schools, seeing examples of theological & general education and medical support.

They will participate in the Provincial Synod of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan (ECS),

"I am committed to doing all I can both to assist the Church in its work for peace in Sudan, but also to foster Salisbury's link with the ECS, which is one of the best things about becoming Bishop here."

President Bashir

There is little influence on Bashir in Khartoum, apart from the Africa Union.

Talks centre on Abeyei & Darfur.

Thousands of Christians living in the northern states of South Kordofan and Blue Nile were purged by the northern army of President Omar El-Bashir, who has declared that North Sudan is to adopt Islamic Sharia Law.

The President has been charged with war crimes by the International Criminal Court.

Link Visit 2012

The Sherborne-Ezo Link continues to strengthen and deepen through emails, phone conversations & prayer.

With Rev'd Ron Hart retiring, the Committee consists of Rev'd David Harknett; Prof Andrew Tomkins; Mr Graham Melling.

The result is that the Link operates solely out of the Melbury Team, but the aim is still to better inform & involve other Benefices.

Plans are under way for a visit to Bishop John & Ezo Diocese between 22nd January & 4th February 2012.

The desire is to live out our partnership in the same way God fellowships with us – face-to-face, sharing worship & food!

Ezo Ordinations

Ezo Diocese has been stable this year, with no attacks by the L.R.A..

As a church, Ezo Diocese has moved back to its main premises. The ordination of two deacons took place on 23rd October 2011, the first since 2007!

Please pray for Simon (front) and Isaac Ephraim (hands upon).

Isaac will represent the Diocese at the 13th-14th November Provincial Synod in Juba.

He has a wife, Nora, & 6 children.



"If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance."

