



## **Our Partnership With Christians in Sudan**

In a united voice, the churches in Redstone Presbytery voted to enter a 5-year partnership with the Sudanese Presbyterian Evangelical Church. SPEC has 64 church congregations and over 60 preaching centers in Sudan. Our partners in Sudan 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 in the South.

# **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. A list is available through the Mission Network of Redstone Presbytery.

## **Presence**

An incarnational partnership is one that recognizes the blessing of sharing lives and worshipping together.

Recently churches in our presbytery have been enriched by visits from Rev. John Tong, Rev. Madut Ngor and his wife, Nada, and Elizabeth Ajak of PCOS. 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!”. 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
- Nile Theological College and Gereif Bible School Scholarships

## **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. Your congregation can pursue peacemaking through action involvement in SAAF. Their website is [www.sudanadvocacy.com](http://www.sudanadvocacy.com).