



Sudanese Reformed Church

General Synod

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Report

Relief assistance from the Netherlands

1. Introduction

Sudanese Reformed Church (SRC) started as a small house fellowship in Khartoum, Sudan in February 1992. By God's grace SRC has now grown into sixteen (16) churches with (12) in South Sudan and (4) in Sudan. In SRC strategic plan (2015-2020), it is hoped to plant (36) more churches: (25) in South Sudan and (11) in Sudan.

The conflict that erupted in late, 2013 in South Sudan continues to affect millions of people. Subsequently half of SRC members have run for refugee in the neighbouring countries. Those who remained in the country, some are living in United Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) protection camps for their safety. Life in those camps is very difficult due to lack of food, clean water, proper medical care and other related problems of displacement.

Furthermore, the parties which signed August, 2015 peace agreement has returned to war last July. This has worsened the situation of the people of South Sudan who desperately need peace. In spite of all these situations SRC is growing and hopeful that God is in control and will continue to protect his church in the midst of war trauma, misery, poverty and hardships.

2. Bibles Distribution

Sixty three (63) bibles were bought. This includes 13 English bibles (NIV); 25 Arabic and 25 Nuer bibles. These bibles were dispatched to UNMISS IDPs camps in Makalal, Bentiu Bor and



Some of SRC members at Kor Woliang receiving relief items

Juba. The bibles have been given to some key leaders who are leading small groups in those camps. Bibles are needed greatly in those camps. There is a great thirst for the gospel.

3. Relief

The fighting which erupted between the government and opposition forces in last July, 2016 in Juba has killed hundreds of peoples; half of Juba population have been forced to leave their homes. This has created a dire and deteriorating humanitarian situation. Graciously, with generous assistance of the brethren from the Netherlands, SRC was able to purchase some relief items for SRC IDPs in Juba.

This included maize flour, beans, edible oil. The relief was distributed to 483 SRC members who live in Mangateen, Jebel, UNMISS Thongbiny and Khor Woliang. Relief money was also sent to SRC IDPs in Malakal, Bentiu and Bor since there were no way to send relief items to those areas due to absence of transport accessibility.

4. Used clothes

The renewed military clashes in last July have forced thousands of people in Juba to flee the city and seek refuge in UN protection camps. This indicates that South Sudan has returned again to civil war. During Juba fighting many people lost their properties. The clothes that people ran with have worn out. Thus 300 pieces of women and children used clothes were purchased and given to those whose clothes have worn out. The clothes were received with great joy and thanksgiving.



Some SRC members at Managteen queuing to receive relief items



Used clothes for SRC women and children at Managteen



SRC women at Mangateen distributing used clothes among themselves

5. Financial Report

S/No.	Description	Income	Expenditure
1.	Relief assistance received from Netherlands	US\$2000	
2.	Bibles: 1. English Bibles (NIV) 12 pieces US\$100 2. Arabic Bibles 25 pieces " 50 3. Nuer Bibles 25 pieces " 50		US\$ 200
2.	Purchased Relief items Juba Sudanese Reformed Church: Thongbiny, Jebel and Mangateen 1. 11 bags maize flour 50 kg x SSP2150 = SSP23650 2. 3 bags of beans 50 kg x SSP3250 = SSP 9750 3. 3 tins of cooking x SSP1200 = SSP 3600 4. Transport, loading & offloading = SSP 2000 Total SSP39000		US\$ 600
3.	Relief assistance to Immanuel Sudanese Reformed Church, Malakal		US\$ 300
4.	Relief assistance to Bentiu Sudanese Reformed Church, Bentiu		US\$ 300
5.	Relief assistance to Bor Sudanese Reformed Church, Bor		US\$ 300
6.	Purchased used clothes 1. Women used clothes US\$200 2. Children used clothes US\$100		US\$ 300
Total		US\$2000	US\$2000