

PRAYING South Sudan & Central African Republic (CAR)

Continue to join in praying (believing prayer "If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." -John 14:14) for those on the ground. We have orality partners who are on the ground and who are waiting to go in...

Pray:

• As there is a huge need for more orality training & materials for the largely illiterate population, we need to join in united prayer for the indigenous church and believers. Especially those already trained orality workers & trainers for orality, that they would be able to have opportunities to continue as much as is possible. Pray also for the teams that had plans to go in, some for many months... who now on a permanent holding pattern.

Persistently prevailing,
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Isaiah 42:16 *"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them."*

South Sudan

Latest news reports[1][2][3]:

UN Should Rule Juba, Says Ex-U.S. Official

Mon, 06 Jan 2014 20:23:14 GMT

[African Arguments] "We were all so focused on helping the South escape the repressive colonial clutches of Khartoum that we forgot about the need to prepare the South Sudanese people for self-government. Of all the African countries that came to independence since 1950, South Sudan has had the least amount of preparation."

Bashir Heads for Juba for Talks on Fighting

Mon, 06 Jan 2014 07:31:18 GMT

[Sudan Tribune] "Khartoum -The Sudanese president, Omer Hassan Al-Bashir, will visit Juba on Monday to hold talks with his southern counterpart, Salva Kiir Mayardit, on the current situation in South Sudan."

South Sudan Declares Emergency in Two States

Mon, 06 Jan 2014 14:53:29 GMT

[IPS] "Doha -South Sudanese President Salva Kiir has declared a state of emergency in two states, according to the government's official Twitter account."

Remembering what brought them to this point...

- South Sudan's unrest began when renegade soldiers attacked an army headquarters. President Kiir accused Machar of a coup attempt, which Machar has denied.

Witnesses report that some of the violence is ethnically motivated, with supporters of Kiir, a member of the Dinka tribe, and supporters of Machar, from the Nuer tribe, targeting each other.

Prayer Points[1][2][3]:

- Pray for long-term peace and lasting stability to prevail in this fragile, new nation. Pray the violence and fighting to stop. Pray the Lord brings the necessary solution for a long lasting peace. (Isaiah 55:6-13)
- Pray protection of the civilian population. Pray the Lord's protection to surround them in the midst of the unrest and to know the Lord's Presence in these dangerous situations. (2 Sam. 22: 3-4)
- Pray for churches to remain united as they model peace and reconciliation to a watching world. Pray God's people walk in their calling to be peacemakers in the nation. Pray the Lord uses Christians to bring comfort and healing in the hearts of the people. (Matthew 5:9)
- Pray for the people to reject ethnic hatred, embrace the gospel, and demonstrate love and forgiveness. Pray that in the Lord's mercy He heals the deep wounds in the hearts of the people. Pray that God would heal the land of years of bloodshed. (Ezekiel 21:6)
- Pray for the many Christians are roaming in the bush without the necessities of life. Pray these Christians needs are met and they boldly share the Gospel. Pray their faith is strengthened and the Lord uses them to strengthen others. (Romans 5:3)
- Pray the Lord to bring South Sudan to a place of righteousness. Pray He calls effective leaders to train Christians in biblical truths and properly disciple this nation. (Proverbs 14:34)
- Despite decades of extreme persecution, the Sudanese Christians are still standing strong and maturing in their faith. The Church has continued to grow over the years. Pray that they will continue to be strong amidst their suffering and temptations of tribalism and idols.

SUMMARY[3]:

The newest nation in Africa, South Sudan was, up until 2011, a part of Sudan, which was Africa's largest nation and the ninth largest in the world. South Sudan is an extremely underdeveloped nation. It is one of the richest agricultural areas in the White Nile Valley, and agriculture provides a living for the majority of the population. Also rich with oil, which accounts for 98% of the government budget. This continues to cause conflict between the north and the south, and the two nations have agreed to split oil revenues. The South Sudanese peoples are known for their tall height, boldness, patriotism, and work ethic. Marriage and childbearing are very important in South Sudanese culture.

Most of the South Sudanese population is animist or Christian. Western missionaries evangelized the South Sudanese in the 1800's, and many nationals converted to Christianity, causing conflict with their northern Islamic, Arabized neighbors.

PrayerCast Prayer Video for South Sudan

<http://prayercast.com/south-sudan.html>

Sources:

- [1] SSNet <http://www.sudan4jesus.com>
- [2] WIN 1040 <http://www.WIN1040.com>
- [3] PrayerCast

Central African Republic

Latest news reports[3]:

Situation in CAR Republic Has 'Greatly Deteriorated'

Tue, 07 Jan 2014 11:26:54 GMT

[UN] "Members Also Hear from Country's Permanent Representative, Delegations of Chad, African Union."

Car Displaced Nearing One Million

Mon, 06 Jan 2014 11:12:13 GMT

[VOA] "The number of displaced people in Central African Republic is edging closer to one-million, as insecurity and fighting continue. Armed Muslim and Christian groups continue to battle in the capital and elsewhere, but are also targeting civilians. Humanitarian agencies are having a difficult time reaching those in need."

FG Evacuates Nigerians From Crisis-Torn Central African Republic

Mon, 06 Jan 2014 06:46:22 GMT

[Leadership] "Following President Goodluck Jonathan's directive for immediate evacuation of Nigerians trapped in the crisis-ridden Central African Republic (CAR), the Defense Headquarters (DHQ) said it has commenced a "rapid repatriation" of Nigerians from the country... reported these were primarily women & children..."

Insecurity Hampers UN Aid Efforts for 2.2 Million in Strife-Torn Central African Republic

Mon, 06 Jan 2014 19:07:46 GMT

[UN News] "With nearly 1 million civilians driven from their homes by conflict in the Central African Republic (CAR) and 2.2 million - about half the population - in need of humanitarian aid, lack of security, funding and access is hampering efforts by the United Nations and its partners to bring relief. "

News Summary[3]:

Ever since the beginning of the current crisis, in March 2013, security and protection of civilians have been the primary concern, both for the population of CAR and to prevent the crisis spreading to other parts of the region. This remains the case. The ongoing intervention by France in support of African forces, is of crucial importance for the protection of civilians and to contribute to an environment in which humanitarian assistance can be delivered safely to all in need.

The number of people in need of life-saving assistance is increasing by the hour. Yet, humanitarian organisations face enormous difficulties to operate unhindered throughout the country. To avoid this tragedy spiraling further out of control, now is the time for concerted action.

UN officials have called a high-level meeting in Brussels on 20 January 2014 to take stock of the humanitarian challenges in CAR and identify priorities for a sustained and effective humanitarian engagement.

Prayer Points[1][2][3] :

- Pray for a peace that enables national resources to be developed for economic stability. Pray the violence and fighting to stop. Pray the Lord brings the necessary solution for a long lasting peace. (Isaiah 55:6-13)
- Pray for fully funded Christian education for nationals called to minister to their people.

- Pray protection of the civilian population. Pray the Lord's protection to surround them in the midst of the unrest and to know the Lord's Presence in these dangerous situations. (2 Sam. 22: 3-4)

SUMMARY[3]:

Cut in the heart of Africa, the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) is studded with natural resources. Diamonds compose 40% of the nation's exports, while timber, cotton, coffee and tobacco remain other significant items of trade. Even so, C.A.R. is recognized as one of the least developed nations, and its citizens are some of the world's poorest. Like a gem not yet refined, the Central African Republic has the natural resources to cultivate economic change; the only inhibitors are decades of political instability and unrest.

Despite advancements, C.A.R. continues to be plagued by opposing rebel forces. The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), originating in Uganda and Sudan, has troubled the Republic's eastern border since a skirmish in 2009. The north similarly faces rebel movements that are under UN surveillance.

Despite trials and instability, national-level ministry plans exist which encourage interdenominational collaboration, further opening doors for missions and evangelism. The indigenous church in C.A.R. is emerging as an effective Gospel communicator through native Bible translation and sending of national missionaries. Despite this expansion of the Church, widespread evangelism in past decades has failed to produce disciples, which has slowed church growth and caused a lukewarm mentality to infiltrate Christian circles. Discipleship is desperately needed, as are mature leaders who can encourage sincerity and passion for the Gospel. There is also a great need for children's ministries, as nearly half of the population is under the age of 15. Churches and mission agencies face the great challenge and privilege of Gospel engagement, reaching the future of C.A.R. personally through intentional children's programs and evangelism.

Major People Groups[3]:

78.7% Adamawa-Ubangie 6.2% Sudanic 3.6% Fulbe
11.3% Other

Religion[3]:

25.1% Protestant 19.6% Catholic 13.8% Muslim
8.6% Ethnic 31.6% Other Christian 1.2% Other

Prayer Video for Central African Republic[3]

<http://prayercast.com/central-african-republic.html>

Is the Central African Republic at breaking point? – REPORTERS www.france24.com [4]

After several weeks of bloody violence in Bangui, hundreds of thousands of people have now been displaced. Read the full story at www.france24.com...

Sources:

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http://www.france24.com/en/20140104-reporters-central-african-republic-breaking-point-bangui-violence-seleka-misca-french-african-troops/?fb_action_ids=10202737817748028&fb_action_types=og.recommends&fb_source=other_multiline&action_object_map=%5B607031842685693%5D&action_type_map=%5B%22og.recommends%22%5D&action_ref_map=%5B%5D