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FRONT COVER PHOTO

The meeting of Bishop Nick Baines with Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo of Sudan, Bishop Ismail Abudigin and other clergy during his visit in January 2019.

Co-Chairs' introduction

Welcome to our second edition in the new format of the Sudan Church Review.

We hope you approve our more cost-effective means of communication, especially with our website www.sudanchurchassociation.org.uk. We appreciate that not all our supporters have internet access, and are sorry for this but hope this twice-yearly magazine will keep you informed of the news.

As SCA evolves into CASSS (Church Association for Sudan and South Sudan) in order to represent the church in both new countries, we are pleased that CASSS is now officially registered and we pray for a smooth evolution (see article on page 14 for more detail).

News from Sudan and South Sudan is mixed. Demonstrations in Sudan continue and a State of Emergency has been declared with President Omar al Bashir apparently no longer in power. In South Sudan, we hear that many areas “are calm but not peaceful”, while in others sporadic violence continues. The people are still crying out for peace and stability. In both countries, the value of the currency has greatly diminished, resulting in many people not being able to afford basic food or commodities.

Meanwhile the ECS and ECSS churches work hard to lead their people through these difficult and disturbing times and we as SCA/CASSS are doing what we can to support them in this. One of our main aims is to support the infrastructure of the church so that it can operate effectively, reaching out and giving God's hope to the people.

Recently, Archbishop Justin Badi was able to meet with President Salva Kiir Mayardit and pray with him. On 10th-11th April the President and opposition leaders were invited to the Vatican in Rome, where they were led in a spiritual retreat by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Pope in order to reflect and pray. The South Sudan Council of Churches, including Archbishop Justin Badi, was instrumental in this meeting taking place and it was a very powerful occasion.

So we continue to pray for God's transforming love and power to work through the ECS and ECSS to touch every level of the two nations, with Sudan waiting for its leadership to settle and South Sudan due to form a new joint government on May 12th.

Praying for these situations especially through this Easter period,

In His service,

Revd Ian Wallace

Revd Pauline Walker

The Bishop of Leeds visits Khartoum

Bishop Nick spoke at a conference on 'Freedom of Religion in Sudan' in Khartoum at the end of January. As you may have seen in the news, anti-government public protests had been going on for several weeks, but his four-day visit with its valuable meetings was able to take place uninterrupted.

Bishop Nick also met with Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo and local clergy, and preached at a service at Khartoum Cathedral.

Here are extracts from his blog account of the visit and the speech he gave:



I went with a colleague to Sudan last Saturday for a series of meetings and a day conference on 'freedom of religion' in Khartoum. The various meetings (which for me included a roundtable with diplomats, lawyers, academics and religious leaders and a dinner at the embassy with a wider group) were characterised by frank and open conversation. I later did an hour-long television interview (a Sudanese equivalent of the BBC's Hardtalk) in which the argument was robust as well as comprehensive.

I reconstructed my speech, not as actually delivered, but in terms of the key points made. Here it is:

I am the Bishop of Leeds in the North of England, but I also sit in the House of Lords. Questions of religious freedom – fundamental to matters of human rights – belong within the political discourse. Politics and religion cannot be separated: politics has to do with the common good – our common life together in a society of which we are equal members – and social order; religion has to do with how people live together and what motivates both individual and corporate behaviour. So, religion is political and politics cannot ignore religion. In secular states religion is too often seen as an add-on to 'real life' – a sort of private enterprise that sits alongside real life and social order rather than being integral to them. But, there is no neutrality. Sudan, then, is not unique in facing questions of how in practice to guarantee freedom of religion.

As I have said in relation to media in the UK, you can't understand the world if you don't understand religion. And if I am not free to change or drop my religion, then I am not free at all.

This is my third visit to Sudan – a country with whom my diocese has been linked for forty years and a country I have grown to love. So, I am here to listen and learn and be better informed about the situation in Sudan, but also here to offer an outside perspective on a matter of current importance.



The three issues that become the touchstone of freedom are: (a) the closure of schools on Sunday in Khartoum State; (b) the demolition of churches and issues of land registration; (c) the default registration of babies as 'Muslims' (and the difficulty for Christians and others in correcting it afterwards – it can take years). A fourth issue is apostasy and the freedom to convert.

In my diocese we learned many years ago that leaders and members of faith communities need to build strong relationships when there is peace – when things are good and there is little or no conflict. For many years I represented the Archbishop of Canterbury at global interfaith conferences where the key aspiration was 'tolerance'. This is a weak word in English: it means that I tolerate (bear with) you, but I need not engage with you in any way that costs me anything. As a Christian I must go further. Jesus spoke of loving our neighbour – and love goes far further than tolerance.

Should an Interreligious Council be revived in order to facilitate strong conversation, relationship and advocacy? Will Muslims – the majority – stand up for the equal interests of Christians and other minorities? I trust that the workshop today will address real changes in Sudan – not only in concepts of freedom, but also in lived commitments that ensure this becomes a reality for those who find themselves discriminated against.

For a longer summary of the Bishop's speech see the website.

South Sudan's first Episcopal Radio Station

by Kenyi Dube, Anglican Communion News Service in Juba.

The Central Equatoria internal province has established the first Episcopal radio station in South Sudan's capital Juba. It has been named to honour the tremendous role played by the first Provincial President of the Mothers' Union, Mama Sarah Meling, who served what was then the Episcopal Church of Sudan, from 1985 as its first MU President: Sit Sarah Radio 98.1FM – the word "Sit" is coined from an Arabic word meaning Madam in English.



Sit Sarah received Christ as her personal saviour in an East African Revival-movement crusade conducted in Yei in the 1940s. She moved to Juba in 1951 and subsequently started the revival movement in Juba, working with the Mothers' Union. Her tireless work earned her a chance to visit the Mary Sumner House in the UK both in 1989 and 1994.



She was recognised for her work in building families and as a counsellor for many young married couples. She eventually formed and started the first young family group at All Saints Cathedral in Juba, before starting a Widow's Relief and Rehabilitation Programme at St James Parish church in Juba.

Mama Sara had a passion of visiting all the revival members from home to home around Juba and is being remembered for her love in the country, the Mothers' Union in the whole won't forget about her works her legacy remains forever. She died in October 1996, but many church leaders still talk about her works.

During the inauguration of Sit Sara Radio 98.1FM, the Dean of All Saints Cathedral, Canon Jackson Moses, said: "Sit Sara placed herself in full service, serving people as a leader, counsellor and as a mentor for young couples.

"One instant thing I can't forget is that she had helped many families in a state of collapse or even divorce. She managed to reconcile many, many families that I cannot count. She had done a lot that we can take time to narrate her story; but I want to thank the Archbishop of the Internal Province of Central Equatoria for coming up with this initiative and making Mama Sara's legacy remain through this radio station."



Establishing Christian Health Initiatives (CHI), South Sudan

Relocation of the National Institute of Health Sciences, Jonglei from Kampala to Bor, South Sudan

Drs Anil & Shalini Cherian and a team of staff established and set up the National Institute of Health Sciences, Jonglei in June 2014 to train South Sudanese clinical officers, nurses and midwives. Due to the precarious security situation it was initially not located in Bor, South Sudan as originally planned, but in Kampala, Uganda. Two cohorts of students successfully completed their 3 year studies in June of 2017 and 2018 and are now working and training across various locations in South Sudan.

The long hoped for transition back to be based in South Sudan has now been possible and here are notes from Anil & Sherian's newsletter about the new plans and progress so far:-

"In November we arranged with a transport company to move all the Institute furniture, office equipment, skills lab, library books and stationary from Kampala to Bor Town. We thought it was straightforward but then we discovered that nothing is simple. The truck was stuck at the border for weeks. We had to get the Chief Commissioner to authorise the release of the truck. All this was challenging around

Christmas however, we praise God that all this worked, and the truck was released.

The Government allocated a building which was built to house the Egyptian clinic in 2013. However just before it began, the war broke out and the Egyptians abandoned it. It is a pre-fabricated building but in reasonable condition. We requested the UN Indian Battalion posted in Bor Town to





help with the repairs. This request was forwarded through the State Health Minister. They responded and sent some of their engineering staff and mechanics who managed to repair the 160 KW generators. They repaired the false roofing, the electric wiring and fixed all the lights and air conditioners. It is amazing what they were able to achieve with no funds, with just their hands and ingenuity. However, there are still some repairs that are needed, which were not possible because they needed

materials to be purchased. However, we are now hopeful that we will be able to finish the repairs even if we receive even 40% of the proposed budget.

Once the repairs are completed; furniture, office equipment and computers arrive, we will be ready to take students. So, we are now planning the opening to students to be March 2019.

Working in the Bor State Referral Hospital

We envision working at the Bor State referral hospital, as well as teaching in the institution. The hospital is 200-bedded, but parts of the hospital are not being used to full capacity. Fortunately, it has a very new maternity ward built in 2013, and an NGO called Medicos Du Monde (MDM) is working to



improve maternal and child health. They provide medicines and incentives for the staff in the maternity ward and the rest of the hospital, with some medicines for the paediatric ward as well. It is indeed providence that Anil, Paediatrician and Shalini, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist will benefit from the presence of MDM.

We visited the store and were pleasantly surprised to find that there will not be any shortage for equipment! The many NGOs that have worked here before and after the 2013 conflict have left behind many things which are hardly being used because the present staff do not know or have not been trained in their use.

We discovered on the first day of our work in the hospital, which was around the 10th of December, that there are no trained nurses. We also discovered that there are only traditional birth attendants in the maternity ward, who cannot read or write. As a result, there are no proper systems in place. There is very poor coordination among the various departments and often people work independently and in isolation and not in teams. The patients admit and discharge themselves. God has a purpose for bringing us here, and we believe one of the reasons is that He

found us worthy to give us the task of training this team of workers. Though our main reason for coming here is to train skilled and competent health workers, we realise that the development of the hospital is also critical to us for imparting quality training. In July, when we had discussions at the Ministry of Health, we were told that in future the Health Science Institute would also need to get affiliated to the local University that would certify the students. In line with this, in November a Memorandum of Understanding was proposed between the Ministry of Health, the GoSS and the Dr. John Garang Memorial University of Science and Technology.

In December we had a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Julia Aker Deng. In keeping with the MOU, the University would be responsible for approving the recommended curriculum and course structure and will also be involved in the selection of students. The University would also make available some core subjects like English, Sciences and Maths to all our students as a foundation course.

We are now considered as faculty of the University and they offered to provide us with accommodation on the University campus. They would require our assistance in developing a College of Public Health and a College of Medicine as part of their strategic plan.”

Supporting the Medical Commission of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

In November 2018, when Anil & Shalini arrived in Juba, they met the Archbishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, the Most Rev. Justin Badi Amara and expressed interest in assisting the church develop a health programme.

There was a Church Medical Commission and a Health Coordinator already but nothing much had been happening. The Archbishop appointed Shalini and Anil as “Health Advisors” to the ECSS at large and also to the board of the medical commission. The Health Coordinator is a young medical graduate, Peter Bul, who completed his medical studies in Tanzania. Unfortunately, the Health Department as such has very limited capacity and a “zero” budget. Peter hasn't received any salary since joining a year ago and so is essentially a volunteer.

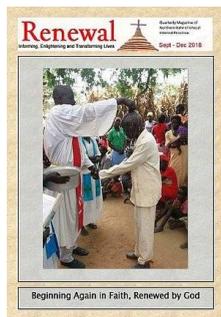
A strategic planning exercise with the church is being carried out with the hope to build some basic capacity in the Health Department to get it functional. Then the plans are to hold a strategic planning meeting with the Health Coordinators from the eleven internal provinces.

Keep in touch...

We now publish quarterly e-mail newsletters and these are an ideal way to keep up to date with the latest news from the churches and projects that the CASSS supports. If you would like to receive these bulletins as well as the Reviews just sign up on the Newsletter page of the website: <http://www.sudanchurchassociation.org.uk/newsletter/>

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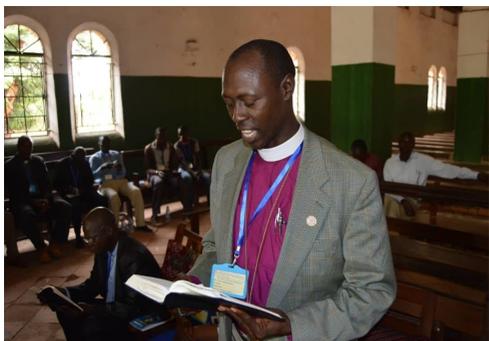
Northern Bahr el Ghazal are also now producing a newsletter with news from the NBG Province. See details of how to sign up to receive this on the Latest News page on our website.



Most Revd Samuel Peni Enosa installed as Archbishop of the Internal Province of Western Equatoria and Bishop of Yambio.

Archbishop Justin travelled to Yambio, South Sudan in March ahead of preparations to elect the new Archbishop for the Internal Province. After being welcomed at All Saints' Cathedral they took time to pay their respects at the grave of Archbishop Peter Munde who passed away in October.

Following the installation Archbishop Samuel spoke to the people of Western Equatoria Internal Province:



“I call upon God to help me that I will be able to do his will, that I will be able to take the lead so that I can do what he wants.”

BISHOP GWYNNE COLLEGE, JUBA

Bishop Gwynne College, located in Juba close to All Saints' Cathedral, is the primary training institution for the clergy of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS), preparing clergy for ministry across the country. There are ECSS churches in all areas of the nation, in some cases where there is no government presence or structures. Many government officials, politicians, generals, soldiers and security personnel also attend ECSS churches on a weekly basis – many of the people tasked with decisions that influence nation-wide stability and peace.

Of course, it is therefore essential therefore that the ministers of this far reaching denomination, are capable of preaching biblically grounded messages of love, hope, peace, forgiveness and reconciliation and that they are fully equipped to bring the Word of God to bear on any given situation that their communities find themselves in.

Since 2014, CORE Training & Development, a South African organisation that strengthens churches across the continent, has been working in partnership with BGC to support the training of its staff. As BGC is the main training college for clergy throughout the ECSS, it is essential that the college is training pastors at a level where they can address the needs of their congregations.

The programme, which is supported by the Sudan Church Association, works as follows:

- ◆ Suitable BGC diploma graduates are identified and supported to study at George Whitfield College in Cape Town, obtaining a Bachelor of Theology qualification.
- ◆ Once qualified, they return to BGC to join the teaching staff, with their salaries also being part-funded.
- ◆ Other clergy already teaching at BGC are also part-supported, ensuring that the recent joiners are wholeheartedly welcomed onto the faculty.

All those participating in the programme must be committed to joining the faculty at BGC, as well as having a good level of academic ability such that they can finish the course of studies.

The first member of BGC staff to study at George Whitfield College, John Jal Deng, graduated in November 2018 and started lecturing at BGC in February this year. Three other students, Elias, Kasmiro & Alex, are currently studying in Cape Town; they will graduate & return to Juba in either next year or

2021. Others have been identified to join the programme in the future.

Experiences so far have been really positive & John feels that the programme has the potential to make a major difference to the country of South Sudan:

'The situation is fragile and even pastors are not safe to travel around and preach due to the tribal war that has caused hatred amongst the people. However, we want to make sure that the Church stands firm and continues to preach peace as a neutral body. Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ without fear would greatly have a positive impact in the lives of our people. I trust the Church is the possible solution to the crisis we have in our country. Therefore, it is a tremendous privilege to study at George Whitfield College and go home fully equipped.'



John Jal Deng at his graduation

John Jal Deng is a South Sudanese pastor. Over the past three years he studied theology at George Whitefield College in Cape Town, South Africa with the support of CORE Training and Development, a charity which aims to strengthen the Church in countries with depleted infrastructure like South Sudan. John graduated from his studies on 29th November 2018. Through Anglican International Development, the SCA supported this project by contributing funds for John.

He has now started work back at Bishop Gwynne College as part of the faculty and is excited to share his knowledge with other students and staff.

Looking to the future: The Church Association for Sudan & South Sudan

Our supporters will remember that, in the last issue of the Sudan Church Review published at the end of last year, we announced that we would be moving the assets and activities of the Sudan Church Association to a new organisation, the Church Association for Sudan & South Sudan (CASSS). This not only reflects the fact that the two churches that our work supports now form two separate provinces of the Anglican Communion but also brings us up to date with new charity law.

The good news is that the new charitable incorporated organisation (as most charities are now called) has now been registered with the charity number 1180881. The charitable objectives & activities are as follows:

'The provision of financial and other support to the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the Episcopal Church of South Sudan to enable them to address effectively the needs (both spiritual & material) of the people they serve. This is mostly done through the provision of grants, advice and support of personnel.'

These objectives clearly align very closely with the objectives of the Sudan Church Association and therefore represent a continuity of our work into the future.

So, how will this affect you? In fact, you will notice very little change. The trustees and members will be the same, as will the nature of our work. The idea is that CASSS will run parallel to the Sudan Church Association for some time. Money will still be collected by the Sudan Church Association and then will be moved across to the new charity in due course. With the registration of the charity now completed, work is being undertaken to put in place all the structures and mechanisms to ensure that CASSS can work equally, if not more effectively than the Sudan Church Association has in the past.

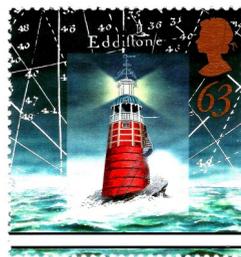
What is important is that this change will make us as an organisation fit for the future and properly able to support the churches of both countries in their crucial ministry. While the situation in both countries remains fragile, both Sudan's and South Sudan's churches are as faithful as ever, carrying out their mission of preaching the saving Gospel of Jesus, as well as providing help to their congregations & communities. We thank God that we are able to continue to support this vital work into the future.

Stamp Sales

Valuable funds are generated by CASSS in the purchase and sale of postage stamps. The Charity is able to purchase the stamps, often commemorative issues from the recent past, at below their face value. It then sells them at normal price to our supporters to meet their day-to-day postal needs. If you would like to help the Charity to raise funds through this activity, and at the same time adorn your outgoing post with beautiful and interesting stamps, please contact Jill Parry who is heading up a new team running this charitable venture. They look forward to hearing from you. The new team has taken over from Helen and Barney Donellan who have operated this enterprise successfully for many years and are deservedly stepping down.

Full details and order forms are available on our web site, or please contact:

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Message from the Membership Secretary

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Pope Francis and Archbishop Welby host spiritual retreat for South Sudan's leaders

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, was in the Vatican in April to lead a retreat for civil and ecclesiastical authorities of South Sudan.

Representing the civil authorities at the event, were future members of the Presidency of the Republic of South Sudan who are due to form a new united government this coming May.

Representing the ecclesiastical authorities of the country were eight members of the South Sudan Council of Churches including the Anglican Primate of South Sudan, Archbishop Justin Badi Arama.

Pope Francis broke off from his prepared remarks to make a personal plea to South Sudan's future political leaders who have been in recent conflict with each other:

"To the three of you who have signed the peace agreement, I ask you as a brother: stay in peace. I am asking you with my heart. Let us go forward. There will be many problems but they will not overcome us. Go ahead, go forward, and resolve the problems. You have begun a process. May it end well." He then proceeded to kiss the feet of the leaders there.

Archbishop Justin used Twitter to thank people for their prayers. "We have concluded the healing retreat today at the Vatican", he said. "We were all commissionedto go and be ambassadors of peace and reconciliation in South Sudan."



As the political and Church leaders were gathered at the Vatican, an ecumenical group of women were taking part in three days of prayer and fasting at the headquarters of the South Sudan Council of Churches in Juba.

A full report is available on the website.

Photos: Vatican Media/-Handout via REUTERS

Sudans Day 2019

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Bible



Institute in
Cairo that has been supported by
the SCA was officially opened in a
ceremony on 29th March 2019.

A new prayer book for South Sudan

Since it existed, the Episcopal Church of South Sudan has been using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in all personal devotions and Public Liturgical worship. The BCP has been translated in all prominent languages of South Sudan and is the unifying factor of the Anglican Church within South Sudan and with all other Anglican churches worldwide.

Although the BCP maintains historical Anglicanism, it does not cater for the other rites of the ECSS. This has created a need to have an ECSS Modern Service Book, in English, to address the local and contemporary needs of the ECSS. Clergy and Lay Readers need to have access to liturgy, not previously available, to help them in conducting services & prayers with creativity, making their worship time enriching and with 'deep spirituality.'

In a major piece of work that has taken place mainly since the enthronement of Archbishop Justin Badi, the writing and testing of the new Modern Service Book is almost over. The challenge now is to print and distribute it to all 56 dioceses of the ECSS. 10,000 books will be printed, at US\$2.00 each, and distribution costs will be US\$2,000 (about £1,540). In total, the cost will be US\$22,000 (about £17,000). As part of its vital work of supporting the ECSS, the SCA has happily agreed to make a grant for half of this amount, with the remainder to be obtained from another donor. We look forward to seeing the new ECSS Modern Service book in its final form being used in churches throughout South Sudan.

MONEY NOTES 2018

a report from Hon Treasurer, John Poole.

Thank you to all the people who gave to help the church in the Sudans during 2018. SCA received personal donations from over two hundred and forty supporters, and that's our main income. Here's a summary from our general fund:

INCOME

£17,100	From donations
£6,400	Net income from trading in stamps and postcards
<u>£18,500</u>	Interest and dividends received
£42,000	<i>total normal income</i>
<u>-£36,500</u>	Investments loss in value
<u>£5,500</u>	

EXPENDITURE

£57,900	Grants sent to ECS & ECSS
£10,500	Sudan Church Review, and SCA website
<u>£900</u>	Other
<u>£69,300</u>	

During the year we've given £57,900 grant funding, which is much higher than the £42,000 ordinary income received. We can do that because of our reserves.

£17,000 was given to ECS in Sudan and £39,300 to ECSS through their office in Kampala. These are core grants to keep offices running and enable the

bishops to lead their dioceses. It is good to hear of the influence of some of the bishops at national level, working for peace. We also gave £1,600 to the Nuba Bible Institute in Cairo which trains the Sudanese diaspora, helping them become Christian leaders wherever they go.

The situation in both Sudan and South Sudan continues to be very difficult and both ECS and ECSS are in great need. The funding we give is very valuable to them, especially in hard currency as both countries are experiencing high inflation.

We are grateful for the efforts of Len Whittaker and Helen & Barney Donnellan who have contributed so significantly to our support of ECS and ECSS through their efforts. For the first time, income from sale of mint stamps exceeded the income from trading in postcards as Len began winding down his scale of operations, and we haven't found anyone to take over from him. The Donnellans are standing down this year too, but plans are advanced for sales of mint stamps to continue via a team in Barnet. Please do keep buying your UK postage stamps through SCA!

We took professional advice during the year about the positioning of our invested funds, but even so they fell in value, something that is widely attributed to Brexit. Some comfort is that the fall in value this year is less than last year's gain.

Apart from the above, we also received considerable special funds. One is a personal donation, a living legacy, providing bursaries to the Diocese of Mundri. The other is from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund (ACF), for capacity building of the ECS Province of Sudan. SCA has been asked to handle this funding because of our particular knowledge and expertise, working with ECS and ECSS.

After they have been independently verified, copies of the full accounts will be available from the Charity Commission website, at the AGM on Saturday June 15th, or on request from the SCA Treasurer.

Anglican International Development

Collaboration with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**A report from Jack Charnley, Partnerships and Communications Manager,
Anglican International Development**

Anglican International Development operates in partnership with local churches in South Sudan to transform lives through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Church has a very trustworthy reputation in South Sudan and it is a highly effective network in recruiting the right people to participate in and run our various projects.



Manna Microfinance

Our Juba-based microfinance programme is run in a group structure where those who wish to take part join with others in a small group. Women are invited to join a group through a notice given in a local church; they then attend group meetings for eight weeks (where they receive business training) and make weekly savings. After eight weeks, a member is eligible to apply for a loan. The loan and new skills are used to begin or develop a business.

Members must then make regular repayments at a low interest rate, as well as contributing to savings, until the loan is paid off. They may then apply for a second loan.

Group meetings begin with prayer and worship, before moving on to training, making loan repayments and contributing to savings accounts. Training covers areas including calculation, loan management, profit margins and God's purpose for women.

Manna Microfinance now makes a monthly profit of approximately 600 USD and is therefore more than halfway to becoming self-sustaining.

Trumpeter Community Health Project

The Trumpeter Community Health Project employs over thirty local people in and around Juba to conduct household visits where they warn of the dangers of poor sanitation and advocate good hygiene practice.

This includes advice on water use and purification, disease prevention through handwashing and container cleaning, home-made oral rehydration solutions and latrine installation. Their work has been commended by local community leaders who have asked them to expand their outreach and all of the Trumpeter workers are recruited from local churches.



Children receiving hand washing training from Trumpeter's staff

Jonglei Health Sciences Institute

Since 2014, AID has supported the training of South Sudanese healthcare workers in Kampala, Uganda. Approximately seventy nurses, clinical officers and midwives have been trained and are now working across South Sudan. Doctors Anil and Shalini Cherian, who run the project, are now relocating it to Bor in Jonglei State, South Sudan where it will be easier to train healthcare workers for the country (Ed.: see our feature on their work on page 8 of this issue.) Reverend David Holloway, AID's chairman of trustees, recently wrote about the spiritual impact of this project:

This is a thoroughly Christian project with strategic implications. Anil and Shalini have now been made Health Advisors to the nationwide Episcopal Church of South Sudan. And, of course, health improvement is not only a gospel imperative but will help the improvement of the political and security situation in South Sudan.



This new work in South Sudan is still in the embryonic stage but it is exciting to see Anil and Shalini's commitment to basing the project firmly within a Christian context, in close partnership with the ECSS.

Church Strengthening

John Jal Deng, a South Sudanese pastor, recently graduated from George Whitefield College in Cape Town with a degree in theology. He was sponsored in his studies by AID in partnership with CORE Training and Development and supported by the Sudan Church Association. John has now returned to South Sudan where he will join the faculty at Bishop Gwynne College and teach to others what he has learnt while in South Africa. John said this in a recent interview for AID:

"We had never thought of coming to South Africa to study but we realised that God is working through many people – through CORE Training and Development, through Bishop Gwynne, through George Whitefield and AID. The more people that are trained and go back to our country, our church and country can be changed. I believe God is preparing good leaders for the church, who will transform the country once and for all. We believe this is God's work."

The next **Sudan Church Association Annual General Meeting**

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