

October 21, 2023

A fierce civil war broke out in north Sudan in the middle of April 2023. Most of the fighting taking place has been between the government army (SAF) and a large militia (RSF) and has centered around the capital of Khartoum. Of the estimated 5 million people living in and around the capital, an estimated 2 to 3 million have been displaced to other areas of the country and some have fled to neighboring countries. Many civilians have been killed or injured in the fighting and most services like schools, hospitals and banks has stopped operating. Food, water and medicine have become scarce and when it can be found, the prices are greatly inflated. Peace negotiations and sanctions don't seem to have impacted the situation on the ground and most of the people are feeling helpless and forgotten.

In the midst of this, a YWAM team of nearly 30 Sudanese staff continue to live and serve. Before the war, most lived in and around the capital. All of these staff have moved themselves and their families to safer areas of the country. They continue to look for opportunities to serve in the midst of this, hosting "revival" meetings in their new locations, gathering women together to encourage them and looking for opportunities or mercy ministry.

- Pray for provision of food, water and medicine for the Sudanese people.
 - Very little international aid has made it into the country due to the fighting and instability. The Sudanese people, including YWAMer's, are struggling to find their daily needs of food, water and medicine.
- Pray for ministry to happen in the midst of the war.
 - YWAMer's and other Christians carry the good news with them as they are displaced. Many Sudanese Christians have found themselves in remote areas, living amongst unreached tribes. There is an openness to the Gospel and we are hearing testimonies of evangelism and discipleship.
- Pray for plans for mercy ministry.
 - YWAMer's have been involved in mercy ministry in Sudan for over the last 20 years. They are now looking for ways to distribute blankets to the displaced as the weather is getting colder in the displaced areas.
- Pray for the peace of the country.
 - Both the government army (SAF) and the militia (RSF) have committed atrocities during the fighting in the last 6 months. Most Sudanese people are not sure who could return their country to peace. Pray for the plans of Satan to steal, kill and destroy to be frustrated. Pray for peacemakers to be raised up in the country.



YWAM staff ladies leading a one-day seminar in north Sudan.



One of the northern Sudanese towns that has received tens of thousands of displaced people.



YWAM Sudan staff gathering in 2022

If you would like to get in touch or hear more about what is happening in Sudan and with YWAM Sudan, please email us at sudanese@ywamcos.org. There are opportunities to work to serve with Sudanese that have fled to Egypt as refugees.

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