

Update - Southern Kordofan - February 19, 2012

February 18, 2012 - 8:00am

Sudan Armed forces in Toroji attacked the SPLM-N in the village of Angolo. Many more Nuba civilians are displaced. SPLM-N repelled the attack and still control the region of Angolo. The SAF soldiers returned to Toroji. The fear is that SAF is trying to control the road from Nuba to Yida. In which case IDPs would not have the ability to access Yida refugee camp.

February 18, 2012 - 2:00am

6 - 300mm Rockets hit the village of UmSerdeba and a 7th Rocket hit east of UmSerdeba in an unknown location. One of the rockets that hit inside the village of UmSerdeba exploded near the house of a family from the area. The Rocket killed the father, his three daughters and his son. The mother and the another child was badly injured. The local market was closed because of the rocket attack.

February 17, 2012 - 5:00pm

Antonov Bombed the village of Angolo. Four women were wounded. One woman had a bad lung injury. The SPLM-N drove the wounded women 6 hours on a rough road to the only surgeon in the region. It is my fear that the woman with the lung injury did not make the drive alive. No SPLM-N soldiers were wounded or killed in this bombing. Only civilians were injured.

February 17, 2012 - 2:30am

Three 300mm Rockets launched by Sudan Armed Forces exploded just East of the village of Tabanya. So far no injuries or deaths.

February 15, 2012 - Morning

Sudan Armed Forces set up an ambush on the Nuba/Yida Road. The first vehicle to pass the ambush was a small mini buss carrying civilians. The civilians were brutally killed. One of the civilians was killed by the SAF by cutting his throat. SPLA heard of the attack on the mini bus and

responded. SPLA pushed the SAF troops out and cleared the road.

Update - Southern Kordofan/Nuba, Sudan-December 23, 2011

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Only two days before Christmas and Jazira and I just arrived in Nuba. It was a long hard journey in which I can't go into the details but just know that we made it to Nuba by Faith alone.

About two weeks ago I was in a refugee camp where about 25,000 people from Nuba walked 7+ days to seeking refuge. Most of the people have been living in the camp since July but about 100 to 150 people enter the camp every day. Even though 25,000 people sounds like a lot many Nuba people have no way to make it to the camp because the roads are blocked by government forces or simply because the distance is too far to walk. There are many more than 25,000 still in Nuba that need food and have no way to get out.

While I was in the camp I interviewed several people that clearly told me of the horrors that they experienced by the government of Sudan. I was down trot by what I heard but I was even more discouraged that the food storerooms of the camp were empty. Foreign Governments and the UN are not assisting these people. There is a minimal presence of organizations on the ground but they don't have the capacity to provide the needs for the growing number of people.

While I was in the camp I prayed about the situation of the people and the lack of response by the international community. My plan is to give the interviews to media, organizations, UN, US government and Churches to raise awareness and support for the people of Nuba.

While I was in the camp I visited many families in their homes as well as two churches in the camp. Most of the people in the camp are Muslims and come from areas that don't even have 1 Christian. But there is also a good number of Christians in the camp that have started churches. On the Sunday that I was in the camp I worshiped at the Sudanese Church of Christ. We sat on benches of logs and shaded by a tree as we sang songs of worship to our King. After the preaching they congregation of about 50 people discussed the plan for the Christmas celebration. I was encouraged that the members of the Church saw Jesus' birth as a reason to celebrate despite their situation. They discussed plans for making a play of Jesus' Birth and who would act out the different parts. They were excited as they discussed the idea. Even though they had suffered so much they found joy in the Truths and Promises of Christ.

The Church also gave me the chance to greet everyone and give them a word of encouragement. I told the believers that even though they had to go through great suffering and even though they are now refugees that as long as we are Christians we will always be refugees because we seek refuge in Christ as we search for His will for our lives. We have no place to rest our heads as we go through this life doing His will until He returns and takes us

home. I told them that God has brought them to the camp with many Muslims that don't have the same promise of salvation and the same Joy that they know.

I encouraged them to use this opportunity that God has put them in to minister to the lost. I explained that even though they have nothing on Earth, they do have the love of Christ which is greater than life and that should be shared with the world and starting with the people they live with as refugees.

God taught me a lot with the people of Nuba in the refugee camp. Please pray for them that God will provide them with everything they need. Even if other governments don't come to their rescue the Christians of Nuba know that God has a great plan for them.

Thank you, God Bless and Merry Christmas,

Ryan and Jazira.