

FAITH IN THE SUDAN book series

Note: Although all books are based on solid research and studies, those noted as *Scholarly* are for serious students looking for precise, detailed knowledge of Sudan. Libraries of Universities and Seminaries will also benefit from them. Those marked *Popular* are based on sound scholarship. They are also generally easier to read and of greater interest to ordinary concerned people, particularly Christians.

No. 1- LAND OF PROMISE Church Growth in a Sudan at War

This book presents several solid studies of Church growth in war-torn Sudan. This includes studies of Church growth both in Southern Sudan, and in the refugee camps of the North. There are two excellent studies by Dr. Marc Nikkel of the radical change among Bor Dinka and their understanding of the Christian faith. *Scholarly*

No. 2- SEEKING AN OPEN SOCIETY Inter-faith Relations and Dialogues in Sudan Today

This includes studies of great variety. There is the story of Mahmud Mahummad Taha, a great liberal Muslim leader who was hung for heresy in 1985. It tells about official religious dialogue promoted by the government. One study is about dialogue which brought peace to the Nuer. The best-known chapter inside Sudan is "Guardians of the Ark" about a clan of Arab Muslims, and how they became Christian believers, and the results (also found in book No. 9) *Scholarly*

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How translation of the Bible took place in 18 out of more than 100 of the modern languages of Sudan. Written by Janet Persson, an experienced Wycliffe translator. *Scholarly- readable*

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The position of the Christian Church in Sudan after independence, when it fell under Northern Sudanese Muslim rule. This is a very careful study by two Catholic priests, Fathers Ayuso and Barsella. It details how the Sudan Government has consigned Christians and Africans to second-class citizenship. *Scholarly*

No. 5- GATEWAY TO THE HEART OF AFRICA Missionary Pioneers in Sudan

This tells the story of several Roman Catholic and Protestant pioneers. This includes the lives of two Presbyterian missionaries, Dr. J. Kelly Giffen, who founded the Mission, and Dr. Tom Lambie, a fascinating pioneer. *Popular*

No. 6- ANNOUNCING THE LIGHT Sudanese Witness to the Gospel

This is the story of the Sudanese pioneers. It begins with Sudanese of the 19th century, a time of great suffering and of failure. There is a look at some outstanding women. One of the most interesting stories is about the Jur Modo, who were evangelized by Sudanese, alone. This tells the story of leaders, martyrs, and evangelists. Gives a good, shorter version of modern Sudanese church history. *Popular*

No. 7- KEEPING THE FAITH- Travels with Sudanese Women
No. 8- IN JOY AND IN SORROW- Travels among Sudanese Christians

These two books were written by the same person- Lillian Craig Harris- and they give pictures of how she and her husband encountered Sudanese women, and Sudanese Christians. She was the wife of the British Ambassador to Sudan, and the two of them explored the edges of the war and the oppressions in Sudan. Lillian is an American, the daughter of missionaries to China. She expresses her Christian faith in her hatred of oppression of all kinds, and her insistence on complete openness and forgiveness. These two books are among the most real accounts coming out of contemporary Sudan. *Popular*

No. 9- CHILDREN OF THE SUN
Stories of the Christian Journey in Sudan

Like Nos. 7 and 8, this book is stories about the Sudan. It shows the horrors of the war and the rampant discrimination, in true stories of slaves, prisoners and the poor. It also vividly describes the power of the Gospel in the lives and deaths of evangelists, and in the ministry in Kobar, Sudan's most famous prison. *Popular*

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The History of the Sudanese Church Across 2000 Years

This Sudanese Church is unique: it goes back to Apostolic times, with the conversion of the "Ethiopian" eunuch - who was actually Sudanese. There was also an Orthodox Church which faded out in the 16th Century. This is a story of missionaries, and finally of a Church which emerged from missionary times, and developed its character when Southern Sudanese alone were faced with terrible violence. As a result, it is a church of martyrs, one rooted in suffering. *Scholarly*

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