

**Minutes of the Salisbury-Sudan Education Sub-Committee**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

Present:- Richard Ambrose, Richard Dean, Rev. Joe Edwards, Ian Pinder, Sheila Soper, Alastair Campbell, Janet Darg Forsyth, John Foster. Apologies:- Claire Budd

**Item 3. Youth Conference in Sudan.**

Janet Darg Forsyth, a youth leader from Amesbury, gave us a detailed description of her attendance at the conference in Kapoeta (Torit) last October. This conference is organised by SOMA who provide the leaders. Janet was called upon to lead some of the sessions. She reported that the support which the Link provides is much appreciated, as was the fact that she had made the journey to take part in the conference. Janet has agreed to talk to any other youth leaders from the diocese who are considering attending a future conference.

We are now looking for volunteers to attend the next conference in October, or one in Spring 2011.

**Item 5. Reports on school projects.**

(a) JDMSS. Richard Dean reported the latest developments which can be summarised as follows:-

- The new headmaster took over on 1<sup>st</sup> March. He is being supported by Margaret Griffin who telephones him regularly with advice and encouragement.
- The school year started on 3<sup>rd</sup> May but without a Year 1 as the Basic school exams had not been marked in time for selection to take place. The school has a capacity of 360. Last year there were 170 pupils which needs to increase to 250 this year in order to balance the budget but until Year 1 is recruited the final numbers will not be known.
- Unfortunately 3 good teachers have left including one who did the accounts.
- The support group is having to find £50,000 over 3 years to support the school until it can balance its budget. £20,000 has been raised so far.
- A United Nations worker who lives near Salisbury but is currently based in Juba is helping with the project to get water into the school.

(b) Hope School. Joe Edwards visited the Nuba Mountains in the Easter holiday to see the progress being made with Hope School. He gave a very encouraging report:-

- There are now 420-450 pupils in attendance.
- The school is staffed by a Sudanese headteacher, and teachers from Kenya who have been there for some time.
- Bishop Andudu is very active in his support for the school. He has found the money for two more classroom blocks
- One issue of concern is the gradual loss of girls as they approach marriageable age.

Joe reported that the local South Kordofan Ministry of Education Representative (Kutti Ernesto Asjan) had been very supportive even though Hope is a church school. Joe stayed with the ECS accountant in Khartoum who is relocating to Juba to be at Provincial HQ.

- (c) Grace School. Claire Budd was unable to attend the meeting but reported that the school was now open and that Richard had returned from his visit to see the progress made. There will be a report on this in the next edition of 'Sudan Extra'.

#### Item 6. Links with Diocesan Schools.

Ian Pinder reported on this. Together with Tina Stubbs he has now created links with all of the basic (Primary) schools in Juba. There are other schools within this diocese who have also expressed an interest and are being followed up. Ian is also working with the diocesan RE Adviser on courses for Primary Schools at which he can point out how a link with a Sudanese school can meet the Community Cohesion element of the curriculum. A visit to the Poole East pyramid of schools re further links is also planned.

#### Item 7. Schools In Sudan

Richard Ambrose reported that he had not heard from Abyie since before Easter so there was nothing new to report. On a more positive note he did say that Sherborne Abbey was managing to get funds out to Juba via the Western Union bank.

#### Item 8. Visit of Sudanese youth leaders.

The committee which organises this visit is now aiming to bring two people out for 5 months in 2011 (April to August). Parishes which had agreed to take one of this years visitors will be offered first choice for next year. Christopher Fielden has agreed to chair the committee now that Claire Estall (Diocesan Youth Leader) has left.

#### Item 10. Theological and schools education.

- NBGC is still waiting to hear whether St. Paul's University, Limuru, will accredit it to teach the diploma course from August.
- £3000 was sent to BATC to help it complete the third year of its diploma course.
- There is still nobody in place as secretary to the theological commission which makes it very difficult to make partnership decisions.
- John Foster met with Rev. Tim Naish from Ripon College, Cuddleston, to discuss the possibility of a link with a college in Sudan. Tim was enthusiastic about tis but needs to take the request to the college Board.
- Talks have also taken place with Rev. Jane Charman , Director of Learning for Discipleship and Ministry in the Salisbury diocese, about the possibility of sending qualified people to help deliver the diploma curriculum in Sudan.
- Rev Trevor Stubbs has sent a very encouraging report on recruitment for the courses starting in August in NBGC.
- ECS schools in Juba and Central Equatoria have had a large number of teachers moved to teach in government schools.
- £6000 has been sent to Yei Teacher Training College to help fund the second year of a course for Basic school teachers.

John Foster will attend the July meeting in Juba of the Theological Commission.

Item 11. Education Committee Budget

John Foster has asked the Standing Committee to approve a budget for the next three years. This will be discussed at the meeting of the Link Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Item 13. Future meetings.

9<sup>th</sup> September 2.00p.m. at Clayesmore School

25<sup>th</sup> November 2.00p.m. at Clayesmore School