



# COMPANION RELATIONSHIPS

# Virginia / Sudan



## Who are we?

### THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA, USA; RELATIONSHIP WITH SUDAN

The Diocese of Virginia ("DOV") has a broad and diverse relationship with the Episcopal Church of Sudan. As with its other mission ministries throughout the world, DOV has not entered into a formal "companion relationship" with a particular diocese, but instead has let the Holy Spirit lead Virginia congregations into different partnering relationships throughout Sudan.

## Three significant projects:

### 1 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIOCESE OF RENK

More than 50 parishes from DOV support the Renk Theological College, the Renk Clinic, and the Renk Basic School, helping to build relationships and provide for the needs of the people in various ways. From pencils to penicillin, scholarships to personal letters, the people of Renk and Virginia share a relationship based in the Gospel.

### 2 HOPE AND RESURRECTION SECONDARY SCHOOL

Hope and Resurrection, an ECS co-ed senior secondary school in the village of Atiaba, near Rumbek, was completed in 2007 and opened in May, 2008 with 64 ninth grade students. Each year, a new grade level will be added until the school operates grades 9-12 by 2011. The vision is to educate the future leaders of the South and serve as a model school for duplication. Trained teachers, textbooks, a daily school lunch and permanent classroom space contribute to a quality education for the students. This is one of twenty-two high schools to serve the 1.5 million children throughout southern Sudan.

### 3 CATHEDRAL AT RENK

On February 28, 2006, Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, consecrated St. Matthew's Cathedral in the Diocese of Renk that cost \$175,000 to build, almost all of which was raised by churches, regions and individuals in the Diocese of Virginia.

**"If God calls you for a task, be determined to accomplish it even if you are to face opposition or discouragement."**

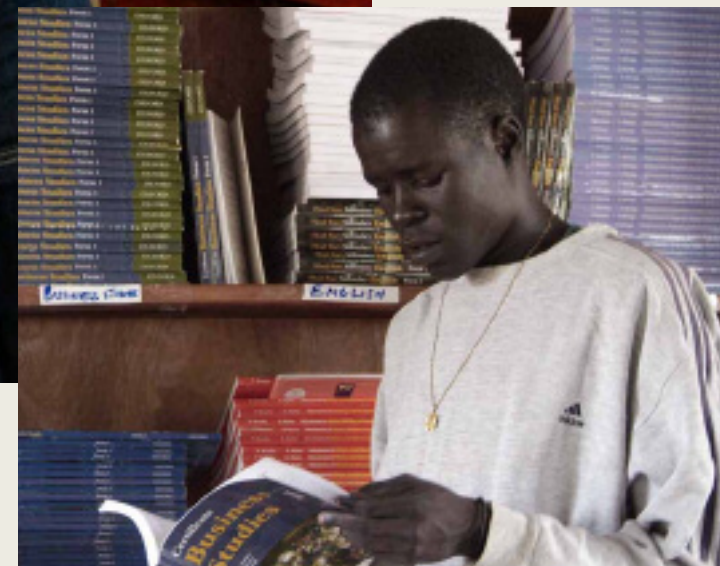
Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul

## Various:

- Juba Basic Primary School
- Support for primary school teachers in Ibba and Ezo
- Raising funds to build a house/office for Bishop Bernard of Torit
- Dinka Bible translation
- Vehicle and IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) relief for Diocese of Mundri
- Lire Support Group (working with Lire parish in the Diocese of Kejo-Keji)



Isaac with books



Educating the girls is critical



School lunch at Hope and Resurrection School.



Bishop Shannon and Russ Randle confer on the Dinka Bible translation



Virginia has replaced the old clinic in Renk with a new one, made of brick and owned by the church.



Stone on stone -- Cathedral rises in Sudan thanks to friends in Virginia.