

(North) SUDAN**General Information**

- Population: about 31 million.
- 3 – 5% Christian.
- Civil war has cost the lives of 1.5 million people, and a continuing conflict in Darfur has driven 2 million more from their homes. Though Sudan and South Sudan split into two separate countries in 2012, grievances over the division of the northern states of South Kordofan and Blue Nile, where many “southerners” live, remain unaddressed (persecution.com).
- Paris Reidhead (1919-1992) was a missionary to Sudan. He tells of his experience and motivation for going in one of the most famous of sermons: “*Ten Shekels and a Shirt.*”

**Challenges**

- Poverty: about seventeen percent of the population lives on less than US \$1.25 per day.
- Food shortages.
- Evangelism is extremely difficult due to the pro-Islamist government.
- Islam remains the de facto state religion and apostasy is punishable by death.
- Muslims are given preferential treatment, and non-Islamic proselytism is prohibited.
- Christian leaders, buildings and institutions have been targeted for attack. As a result of the threats, many Christians have reportedly stopped attending church.

Pray For

- The protection of Christian and churches amidst Muslim extremists in the mountain regions.

Verses

- **Joshua 4:21-24:** “When your children ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Then you shall let your children know, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’ For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.” (ESV)

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