

(South) SUDAN**General Information**

- Population: Unknown
- Head of State: President Salva Kiir Mayardit
- The Republic of South Sudan gained independence after a 98% vote in favor of succession on July 9, 2011.
- One of the poorest and least developed places in the world,
- Economy is largely supported by oil production.
- Most South Sudanese are cultural Christians.
- In the late 1800s, Christian missionaries converted much of the population in South Sudan and facilitated the spread of English. As a result, Muslims in the north severely persecuted religious minorities.

**Challenges**

- The growth and protection of Christians within the region.
- Syncretism of animism and Christianity.
- The many different tribes that make up the region are constantly fighting of limited resources and prominence.

Pray For

- Infighting and wars are a constant within South Sudan. Pray for a peaceful settlement and a cessation to fighting.
- Protection from Islamists to the north.
- Thousands of refugees in South Sudan need urgent medical help (Samaritan's Purse).

Passage

- Psalm 47:7-8, *“For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a Psalm. God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.”*

Reference

- <http://www.persecution.com/public/restrictednations.aspx?clickfrom=bWFpbl9tZW51>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_in_Sudan
- <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/south.sudanese.need.urgent.medical.help/31570.htm>