



COMPANION RELATIONSHIPS Chicago / Renk



Who are we?

DIocese OF CHICAGO, USA AND DIocese OF RENK, SUDAN

The Diocese of Renk, Episcopal Church of Sudan, was founded in 1995 to spread the Gospel in the Northern Upper Nile region of southern Sudan. It borders the mostly Islamic north and is the gateway to the Christian and African Traditionalist south. The 21-year civil war caused hundreds of thousands to flee their lush southern villages to relative safety in this government-held area. Discovery of oil also led to internal displacement as northern government troops forced people from their villages. Two generations of southern Sudanese are uneducated, lack medical care, and are helpless to continue farming and raising cattle in the barren land of Renk area.

Schools, a clinic, Renk Theological College, 12 parishes, and a cathedral are functioning because of the unceasing commitment of the leadership of Renk Diocese and partner parishes in Chicago. "Without our partner churches in Chicago, the Diocese would have collapsed." (Bishop Joseph Garang Atem)



"May Renk Bible College be Your example by doing Your ministry, teaching priesthood and compassion. Bless us and give us wisdom to follow Your ways without end. AMEN."

Prayer composed by students of Renk Bible College

"The CDR with Renk Diocese has introduced me to living examples of people who place a priority on their relationship with God, of relying upon God and trusting Him under the harshest conditions.

A partnering relationship is an unparalleled opportunity and blessing for experiencing the true meaning of mission."

(Jeffrey D. Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago)



Students at Renk Theological College

