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## THE LATEST REFUGEE CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA'S GAMBELLA REGION

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### Background

Civil war erupted in South Sudan in December 2013 when President Salva Kiir accused his ex-vice-president, Riek Machar, of plotting to overthrow him. President Kiir mobilised his Dinka ethnic group and Machar turned to his Nuer ethnic group for support. The Anuak and Murle ethnic groups have also been caught up in the conflict.

Update 27.8.15: The Rt Rev Dr Grant LeMarquand, Area Bishop of The Horn of Africa, reports on life in the Ethiopian camps that are home to refugees of the civil war in South Sudan:

Camp life is exceedingly boring. The fact that our Mothers' Union does literacy training and basic health teaching seems to relieve some of that.

On tensions. The main tension over the last year or so in the Nuer-dominated camps is that some do not want to talk about peace.

Some South Sudan reps from another [non-Anglican] denomination were almost killed last year in one camp for talking about peace, and some believed they had been bribed by the South Sudan government [to provoke conflict]. The camps can also be a recruiting ground for the rebel (mostly Nuer) army fighting against Salva Kiir's [South Sudanese] government.

One really bright light. The camp in the southern part of Gambella, near the town of Dima is ethnically mixed: Nuer, Dinka, Anuak and Murle – all traditional enemies. The camp authorities decided not to segregate them. When I went there they told me they did not want separate churches. They wanted to show their people that it was possible to live together. So I called the church Holy Family, both because Mary, Joseph and Jesus were refugees and because this church was demonstrating what true holiness means.

Update received 31.7.15 from the Rt Rev Dr Grant LeMarquand, Area Bishop of Ethiopia:

A new refugee camp has opened a few kilometers from Gambella town. Another is being established near the town of Matar, and another in the Asosa region near the permanent camp Sherkole (the new camp has been given the poignant name 'Sorry').

We have 15 mission centers in Gambella, each of which is a cluster of churches. Some of the churches are in established refugee camps; some are in villages and towns. We have 16 clergy and 90 lay readers in the area, so we are obtaining first-hand information about what is happening.

New church buildings will benefit a further 4,000 refugees. Two new churches are planned for the Jewi and Sorry refugee camps, and repairs will be made to a church in Dima camp, which was badly damaged by termites.



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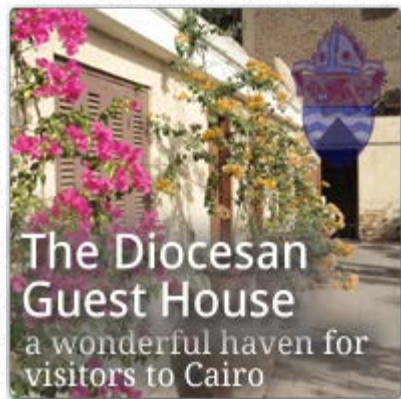
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