

Boys Kidnapped in the Upper Nile

The shooting war in Southern Sudan may be technically over, but the "Spiritual War" continues unabated. Recently, PPF received a report from one of our pastor contacts that 91 boys were abducted from the area of Akoka in the Upper Nile State and taken to Khartoum.

During the war, kidnapping was standard policy by the Janjaweed and the National Islamic Front government in Khartoum. The purpose was enslavement and indoctrination. The Janjaweed would sell children (and adults) for money. But the government was more interested in indoctrinating the next generation.

Food and education were used as weapons just as often as grenades and AK-47s. Parents would essentially be told, "If you want food and medicine for your children, you must send them to our schools to become Muslims."

Today, a similar campaign continues in Southern Sudan, especially in the Upper Nile State, an oil-rich zone that was heavily occupied and persecuted by the Northern troops during the war.

According to a report recently filed by the Minister of Education in Baliet County, 91 boys were enticed by promises of better food and a better life in Khartoum. Even some parents were deceived by promises of a quality education for their sons.

But the real design of the kidnapers was to get the boys out of the South and "Arabize" them in Khartoum. Upon arrival in Khartoum, the boys would be indoctrinated to become good Muslims, and when their schooling was finished for the day, they'd be sent into the streets to beg for the mosque.

This is slavery of the mind, body, and soul.

Since the peace agreement was signed in 2005, PPF has been actively engaged in assisting the persecuted church in the Upper Nile to rebuild after 22 years of brutal occupation. In the Melut area alone, more than 30 churches were burned to the ground.

PPF is blessed to enjoy the friendship and partnership of several pastors from the Upper Nile State, including Francis Ayul Nyok. Pastor Francis has been offered lucrative employment in the army and even Parliament. But he has, instead, chosen to live the life of a servant leader among his people.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Francis and for the important work PPF is supporting on the front lines of the spiritual war in Southern Sudan.



Young school boys from Southern Sudan are targets of kidnapers seeking to "Arabize" the next generation of Southern Leaders.



Many kidnapped boys from the South are taken North to Khartoum, where they are indoctrinated and become Northern soldiers.



Sudan President (and internationally declared war criminal) Omar al-Bashir supports forced "Islamification".



The Upper Nile State is dotted with numerous Mosques, built to support the Islamification of the region and to compromise Southern rule.