

day 27

SUDAN



FAQS

SIZE

2x the size of Alaska

POPULATION

39,379,358

CAPITAL

Khartoum

LANGUAGE

Arabic

RELIGION

Sunni Islam

UPG'S

137

POP. IN CHICAGO

350-400

LOCATION

Albany Park, Edgewater, Rogers Park

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In 1956, Sudan received their independence from Britain. The Arab Khartoum government came to power and reneged on promises made to the Southerners. This led to a civil war between the two from 1956 to 1972. Sudan has been at war with itself for more than three-quarters of its existence. Conflict has been rooted in deep cultural and religious differences. The second Sudan civil war began in 1983. The president announced that traditional Islamic punishments from Shari'a (Islamic Law) would be incorporated into the penal code. Amputations for theft and public lashings for alcohol possession became common. Southerners and other non-Muslims living in the North were also subjected to these punishments. In 2003, a rebellion broke out in Darfur against non-Arab tribes. These groups represented farmers who were mostly non-Arabized Black Africa Muslims. In seeking to defeat the rebel movement, the government increased arms and support to local tribal militia, which have come to be called the Janjaweed. Attacks on civilians by the Janjaweed have led to the deaths of thousands.

In 2001, the refugees known as the Lost Boys arrived in Chicago. The Lost Boys of Sudan were six years-old when they saw their parents killed and villages burned. These boys walked a distance equivalent to that between Denver and Chicago in search of safety, a journey of almost three months. Half were killed or captured; the rest spent 14 years in refugee camps. Over 125 of these boys now live in Chicago. **Pray the Sudanese would experience healing and the growth of their faith in the Lord. Pray for Christians to befriend them as they settle in Chicago. Pray that some Sudanese would feel the call to return to Sudan as missionaries in the face of possible persecution.**

ISAIAH 60:2

“Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen on thee.”

