

## **Introduction**

*It has been my God-given privilege to work on “Issues Facing Christians in Sudan Today” since June 2005. Having had to leave Khartoum due to poor health two years earlier I am very grateful to God to have this continuing way of encouraging Sudanese Christian friends.*

*An early suggestion from a member of my congregation at Khartoum International Church proved an excellent idea. This work is broadened to include thought-provoking chapters from a number of Sudanese writers, and from other servants of our Lord Jesus Christ in Sudan. God gives us all wisdom through these representatives of His many and varied people!*

*I am very grateful to God for giving me good enough health to continue to write and edit before and after an operation to remove my cancerous voice-box in November 2006.*

*I want to thank all the contributors for their patient bearing with me during times when I could do very little – and, when I was strong enough, my chasing of them by emails and letters, to meet deadlines!*

*I especially want to thank my wife Brenda who has cared for me throughout.*

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*Rev. Mufid Farid has overseen the production of the Arabic language version.*

*Rev. Simon Kuengbuny Pal has done similarly for the Dinka Padang language version.*

*Their respective teams have worked hard. I know God will bless them richly for their labours.*

*With the authors we all believe that our “labour in the Lord is not in vain”, 1 Corinthians 15:58.*

*Our aim has always been to strengthen and encourage the Sudanese Body of Christ in her witness among all of the people and situations that modern day Sudan presents.*

*As George Tabaan writes in the book: “God loves Sudan and all the people of Sudan”.*

*Christian brothers and sisters who have financially supported this project from outside of Sudan will also gain their reward in heaven, Matthew 6:20-21! Thank you all so very much.*

*Readers can find these chapters and discussion guides on my website.*

*Articles from this, and my other books, are freely downloadable from [www.colinsalter.net](http://www.colinsalter.net) .*

*The site is updated and added to on the first day of every month.*

*This will continue to happen as long as God enables.*

*“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain”, Philippians 1:21.*

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