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*"Sudan will stretch out her hands
onto God." Psalm 68:31*

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Referendum Update

The registration period for the January vote began on the 15th of November and will last for 2 weeks – probably longer since the first problems have already been reported. It seems that a big migration has started now: Southerners are coming down from Khartoum and the Arab traders in town are packing up to go to Khartoum. The general feeling is that it is not safe for either of them to be in the other's territory come January. There was a shootout in the army camp on the outskirts of Melut last Monday night, which made people very

nervous. The reaction of one of our staff members was telling: she was in the market when she heard gunshots. She ran home immediately and found her five children hiding under the bed, praying. So far, however, the security situation is acceptable in Sudan with only intermittent reports of violence and we praise God for that. Things at college are going really well, and I am following my normal teaching routine and work in the library.

Armadillo Security Training

I've had a lot of fun and learned loads last week at the Armadillo Security Training arranged through Medair, our neighbour here in Melut. It was a 3-day training in which we talked about all the (in)security issues that might come up in a place like Sudan, e.g. how to behave at checkpoints with armed soldiers, when caught in gunfire or when ambushed. This became more poignant with the recent shootout in town. The pictures are from the practical session when we enacted security scenarios.



Home Assignment

I will be coming to England on the 28th of January. I will spend 2 months in England after which I will be travelling to Germany in April to see my family and my German supporters. It seems like most of my Sundays are already reserved for my existing supporting churches, but there are still 2 free Sundays – and of course plenty of weekdays. If you would like me to come to talk about the work in Sudan or preach, please contact either myself or Elim Missions at missions@elimhq.net Also, please do not send any more mail to Sudan after the 15th of December. Mail takes quite a long time to travel here and since I'm leaving for the UK in January, it would not reach me anymore.

Prayer Points:

- ✚ A peaceful registration time
- ✚ An uninterrupted 2nd term
- ✚ Peace in Sudan
- ✚ There is still some little work left to do on my house – please pray it will be finished before I leave

Answers to Prayer:

- ✚ The library work is going well
- ✚ Rainy season now ended, which means less snakes and storms
- ✚ Good relationships with the students
- ✚ Feeling at home ☺

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