

In July, 2011, the African county of Sudan divided. The ELCA now has an active ministry in South Sudan. Over the years, drought, famine, and warfare have plagued this county. The Rev. Wal Reat (below left) provides spiritual care to 25 congregations and also helps distribute aid supplied by Lutheran Disaster Response. He was originally from Sudan, educated in the US, and is sponsored, in part, by the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. He will be joined by Rev. Mawien Ariik (not pictured) who was also a Sudanese refugee.

