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In 2009 Dinka production moved to ECS' Rumbek office.



Alapayo Kuctiel is Bishop of Rumbek.



Four Dinka producers now serve in Rumbek.

Dinka Broadcasts Now Produced Inside Sudan

While we appreciate our international partners and friends, we urgently need more of them to help us to minister to those remote areas most troubled by ethnic tensions and conflict. Most of our partners are based in a few peaceful areas where the needs are relatively small.

—Archbishop Daniel Deng
Episcopal Church of Sudan

When a Words of Hope team recently visited Juba in South Sudan, they met with Archbishop Daniel Deng of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. Deng commended Words of Hope for placing its new Dinka production center in Rumbek in one of Sudan's *neediest* locations.

Former Dinka producer Alapayo Kuctiel directs the new production effort. He is the bishop of the Episcopal Church of Sudan's Rumbek Diocese. Words of



Hope-Uganda supervises the work.

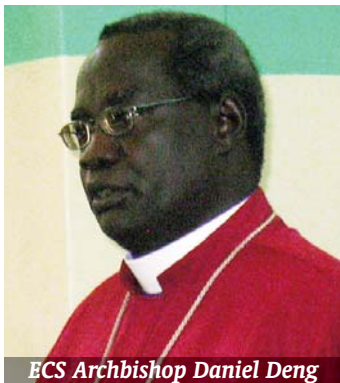
The creatively produced programs apply Biblical truth to the difficult challenges of daily life in Sudan. The broadcasts focus regularly on the crucial need for reconciliation, family life, and the Bible and culture. Programs are transmitted on a local FM station in Rumbek and uploaded via satellite to a shortwave sta-

tion which covers all of East Africa.

A core Words of Hope ministry principle is to produce programs in close geographic proximity to the target audience. Doing so in South Sudan has been very difficult due to the lack of electricity, and the security problems which persist in a country long engulfed by civil war and ethnic conflict. Programs were initially produced in Nairobi, Kenya, and moved in 2002 to Lokichoggio near the Kenya-Sudan border. Rumbek-based producer Rev. Peter Garang Thiel is convinced that the relevance and impact of the Dinka broadcasts will greatly benefit by moving closer to the audience.

Along with Dinka, Nuer is one of Sudan's most widely spoken languages. In 2010, Words of Hope is exploring the possibility of shifting Nuer production from its current base in Lokichoggio to Nasir, Sudan (near the Ethiopian border). Moderator Peter Makuac of the Presbyterian Church of Sudan (PCOS), who helps to coordinate planning and follow-up, is encouraging this move.

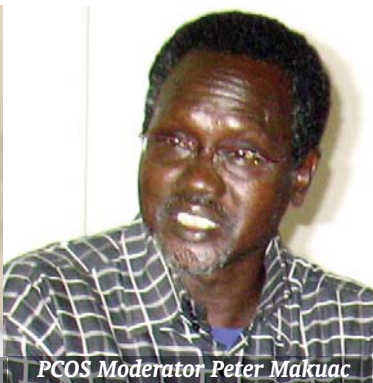
The Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) has been Words of Hope's Dinka-Nuer partner since 2002.



ECS Archbishop Daniel Deng



Nuer producer David Wat Puot



PCOS Moderator Peter Makuac

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Revelation 14:13

Memorials

DURING 2009 WORDS OF HOPE RECEIVED MEMORIAL GIFTS AND BEQUESTS IN REMEMBRANCE OF:

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| Rick Beckett | Gertrude Schrier |
| Neil & Dolores Bellach | Herbert Schuiling |
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