



Many Languages in Christ

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One Peg at a Time*

Ethnic Congregations Project Newsletter ACSQ

Bishop Daniel Returns

Many of you may well have been wondering why you have not heard from me for some time.

The story runs as follows:

This year, Bishop Cameron, while acting as commissary for Archbishop Phillip wrote a letter the Primate of South Sudan, Dr Justin Badi requesting my permanent transfer to this diocese. It became necessary for me to travel to South Sudan to hold four important cultural meetings. First with the Primate. He gave his blessing to the idea and wrote a formal letter to the Duk Diocese recommending the transfer.

I then called an emergency Standing Committee meeting of the clergy and people of Duk Diocese. The Primate sent Archbishop Moses Ayom and Bishops Bair and Akech to the meeting to represent him.

This was a difficult time for me as we spent two days in prayer and discussion over the matter. In the end there was a clear consensus that my transfer should go ahead and a blessing given for my future work in Australia. The committee wrote back to the Primate to inform him of all that happened.

That was followed by a meeting with tribal chiefs, military leaders and government ministers from Duk Constituency who added their blessing to my leaving. Then finally with my family, which was the most difficult meeting. I cannot explain in any real way that would be easy to understand the differences in how my people expect these decisions to be made. It is never just about Me, but more about reaching a consensus on what is best for all.

I now resume my duties here and will send a detailed newsletter shortly.



Some of the representatives at the Duk Diocese with the provincial Bishops



Tribal Chiefs, Military leaders and Government members



Daniels family with his Dad centre front in the light coloured clothes