

Abyei has always been part of Wau diocese and is one of the three disputed areas between the two main parties to the 2005 peace deal the SPLM and NCP. Abyei is composed of the 9 Ngong Dinka Chiefdoms transferred to Kordofan due to Administrative difficulties because their Chiefs could not reach Wau easily. The people of Abyei will be given a chance in a referendum to choose whether they want to be part of Southern Sudan and Northern Sudan according to the CPA. If they choose to be part of Southern Sudan then they will again vote together with the rest of the Southern Sudanese whether they want to remain as part of United Sudan or separate as another country. All these things will be done 2011.

Abyei is in the border between the North and the South and it has a lot of oil reserves. Because of this there has been lots of tension in the area between former enemies the Sudan People's liberation Army SPLA and the Sudan Armed Forces SAF and between the Northern tribe of Messryiah and the Dinka Ngok.. Many people believe that Abyei poses a major threat to the CPA because they believe that if the war starts again it will start at Abyei.

Serious fighting broke out in Abyei last year between the Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) Forces. (You must read the CPA for you to understand some of these terms because I am afraid you may not find them in your Dictionary) As a result the whole Town was destroyed and the issue taken to the International Court in the Haig which made a decision on the area of the 9 Ngong Dinka Chiefdoms. This fighting almost brought the CPA to an end but God was gracious and the issue was resolved.

So Abyei needs lots of prayers. Abyei is divided into two Archdeaconries of Abyei North and Abyei South. This area is under the supervision of Archbishop Daniel Deng but bishop Moses has been appointed caretaker bishop for this area.