

Bishop Ngalamu College Mundri

Serving Mundri District

Under the leadership of the Rev Paul Issa the college has moved from Khartoum to Mundri. One of the purposes was to occupy and bring back into use the buildings used by Bishop Gwynne college in it's Mundri days. The buildings have been used by a number of squatters and the students and staff found them in a terrible condition.

“the houses need major renovation, walls are cracked, ceilings are loaded and smell not good. The students have no light, no computers and read by torch light. We eat one meal a day. There are no resources, so encouraged students to divide some plots to cultivate for themselves.” said the principle.

The old library had been locked away but has now been re opened but the books are seriously out-dated and in poor condition. On the part time staff are the present Bishop, the former bishop and other pastors “who have some theological knowledge” .

The burden falls heavily on the one full time person, Rev Paul Issa, who is the Administrator, main teacher and also in charge of the Kitchen and the accommodation. “ we have no support at the moment. We used to have a friend from Australia who gave us A\$1500 and a friend of the Bishop who gave us \$1000 to pay part time staff and a Catholic priest helped us until he went back to Germany”.

The college teaches in English and has an intake from Mundri district but recognises that the standard of education is low “even among those who have had secondary education” and is not yet appropriate for the diploma course. The commission's Chairman Bishop Hilary, recalls the days before the war when Mundri was called “The Village of God” and he hopes that the commission will show it's concern and support by meeting in Mundri next year and helping to restore it's “former glory”.

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