

SUDANESE COMMISSION
OF
PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI RIVER VALLEY

REPORT
AUGUST 22, 2009

TO THE PRESBYTERY:

WORSHIP Sunday worship averages 100 adults and children. Every four weeks, the area Sudanese Christian community comes together for worship.

EDUCATION Curriculum-based programs have not taken hold. Obstacles include transportation, trained teachers, and language skills.

FELLOWSHIP Congregation provides support for new arrivals in Omaha, and maintains contact with the established communities of Lincoln, Grand Island and Des Moines.

BUILDING Damage from December pipe burst has been repaired. Lack of air conditioning affects summer attendance. Decision made to engage realtor to locate more appropriate building for worship, in southeast part of city. Search is underway. Clifton Hills building may, therefore, be available for different use or sale.

FINANCIAL Congregations in the PMRV have generously supported our budget (CLP salary and utilities at Clifton Hills.) PMRV obligation to pay part of pastor's salary in Des Moines terminated in April, 2009. The financial support of the Sudanese fellowship has been steady. Request has been made to PMRV to budget \$10,000 annually for the Sudanese Commission as a mission activity.

MISSION The local Sudanese community looks forward to helping their families and communities in Sudan with educational and community development projects. Local culturalization education is currently a priority.

FUTURE With a worship and meeting place near the people's homes in the southern part of the city, transportation will become less of an obstacle to growth. A more efficient building will consume fewer resources and less energy than presently happens. As the congregation becomes more integrated into the local economy, and the job market for people with greater education expands, the American dream of self-sufficiency for the SAPF becomes more realistic. The support of PMRV in the meantime is greatly appreciated.

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