

Revd Daniel and Mrs Kathleen Gula

Kathryn Hill, reader at the parish of Lanteglos-by-Fowey, former missionary with SUM (Sudan United Mission) and a member of the Truro Diocese International Links committee writes...

With the support of my church, I raise money for blind students being educated in Gindiri Boys Secondary School in Plateau State, central Nigeria, the school where I once taught. The school was, back in 1955, the first secondary school in the whole of what was then "British West Africa" to educate a blind student at secondary level. My friends, Revd Daniel and Mrs Kathleen Gula are the route by which I, and my local church, send this financial support.

Kathleen and Daniel are currently visiting UK travelling to various churches and individuals who support them and their work and visiting family. Revd Daniel Gula is a retired Pastor of COCIN [Church Of Christ In Nations, formerly Church Of Christ In Nigeria] which is the church founded under God by the former British Branch of SUM, now part of Pioneers International. His British wife, Kathleen, initially went to Nigeria as a missionary nurse with SUM and was posted to Borno State in the north west of Nigeria.

At the time Daniel was an Evangelist with the church and that is how they met. They worked in various places in Borno State ending up in Gwoza town where they built a house for themselves and established a Computer School [sadly now destroyed by Boko Haram] which provided training for many youngsters in the Gwoza area. After they retired they fulfilled a long held ambition by moving to Daniel's home village but, not long afterwards, like many others, they were forced to flee from Boko Haram and they now live in Plateau State in central Nigeria.

There they help support many IDPs [Internally Displaced Persons] from the Gwoza area. They have been able to obtain land so some of the IDPs can farm and they have established a Block Industry which employs quite a lot of IDPs. Through links in UK they are able to supply scholarships for IDP children, helping with school fees and essentials like uniforms and books. They are also very involved in supplying spiritual support and trauma counselling. Sadly Plateau State is also plagued with terrorism, mainly by Fulani who seen intent in carrying out jihad [holy war] on Christians. This is little reported and when it does get mentioned in the news it is erroneously portrayed as disputes between farmers and herdsmen.

Please pray for Revd Daniel and Kathleen and their work, and for the Gindiri Boys' School

