

Update on Ezo-Sherborne Deanery Churches Link – Andrew Tomkins (30/10/25)

* Bishop Isaac continues to send frequent, encouraging reports, with photos, of the impact of last year's Ezo Christmas Appeal. This enabled the church and other local communities to accommodate

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build several new classrooms to the 900+ children who now attend the Masumbu Primary School. Sadly, there

government secondary school in Ezo – church has opened the St Paul's Secondary School. At present there are over 250 secondary school children but many more wish to attend.

* This year's Christmas Appeal therefore focuses on providing funds for building an entire new block of classrooms for St Paul's School. **This can be achieved if we raise £5,000! The Poster and Flyers for the Ezo Sherborne Deanery Christmas 2025 Appeal are attached to this Update – for Printing and Publicity in local churches and communities please. Many thanks!**

* While there has been terrible suffering in the civil war in Sudan, this this has not affected populations in Ezo directly. However, inter-tribal fighting in Tambura (about 50 miles from Ezo), stirred up by external political factions, has resulted in traumatised families fleeing to the Camps for Internally Displaced people (IDP) around Ezo. Church members are doing an amazing job in supporting them, even when they have few resources themselves. Bishop Isaac and pastors are spending much effort in counselling and in promoting "Peace and Reconciliation" – to prevent revenge.

* When Celia met up with the Ezo Mothers Union, earlier this year, they told her how much they wanted to enable very poor women, often widowed, to earn money to feed their families.

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Remarkably, by conversations with women's groups in Sherborne £2,400 was raised and 6 new treadle sewing machines have recently to Ezo. Training will begin shortly.

* Our friends in the Episcopalian Churches in Virginia, USA are, presently, prohibited from inviting Bishop Isaac, and his wife Nora to USA because of new visa restrictions. However, wonderfully, they will meet them – and us – Mothers Union in both speak in the Digby Memorial Hall, Sherborne after Choral Eucharist on 1/3/26 and at 7pm on 4/3/26. They will also speak at 12pm on 5/3/26 at Corscombe Village Hall. Updates on other meeting opportunities will be provided as they become planned.

