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"Sai Fulani Suka Zo"

THIS IS MY KID BROTHER

Can you say the same?



Little Weng was 3 weeks old when Fulani militants attacked Dogo Nahawa, Jos, on 7th March, 2010. In that attack, 501 Christians were slaughtered as they slept in their homes.

All the 9 members of Weng's family were killed. He was rescued from the burning house but his two feet had been destroyed by the fire. In 2013, Weng is 3 years old without feet and without family.

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We welcome our readers to this second edition of Martyrs CRY! We are encouraged by the positive response that the first edition received to continue presenting to you the stories and testimonies of Christian brethren under intense persecution in northern Nigeria for their faith in Christ Jesus.

In this special edition, we shall focus on the activities of the medical team that has tirelessly and sacrificially rescued victims of Christian persecution in the North of Nigeria. If not for the sacrifice of love of these brethren, the mortality figures would have more than doubled.

At the risk of their own lives, members of the Voice of Martyrs medical (VOMedical) have often moved into the assault zones even when the assailants have not fully vacated the area. They have had to play the dual role of rescuing the mortally wounded and pacifying the living from embarking on missions of vengeance.

They have witnessed horrors that are indescribable and unprintable. Their ears have listened to uncoordinated wailings and lamentations of sorrow that are unimaginable. Yet, in the midst of these calamities, they must function to save lives. Oftentimes, they operate on automatic mode, doing by instinct what needs to be done to save lives while shutting down their emotions to prevent it from becoming a hindrance to their duty.

It is so easy, as humans, to become personal and vent fury on the disappearing Islamic militants. Of course, that would have been a spark to an already inflamed and incensed atmosphere. The survivors would have immediately formed a posse and the bloodbath would continue as reprisal. So, the only solution is to shut down the emotion and get the work done.

In this edition, we salute the courage and the sacrifice of all the members of the VOMedical, both in Nigeria and from all over the world. We acknowledge with gratitude the various brethren that have contributed medical skills of various kinds to treat our brethren and the generous financial donors that contributed funds to pay hospital bills. In 2012, the hospital bill for those wounded in the various Islamic attacks on Christians in Northern Nigeria is in excess of 100 million naira.

We use this medium to challenge Christians in Nigeria to join this laudable labor of love. As long as there is religious crisis in Nigeria, there will always be the need for VOMedical. We need Nigerian Christians to come forth to donate funds and brethren in the medical profession should offer their services to take care of our injured brethren.

Inasmuch as we appreciate with immeasurable gratitude our brethren in medical profession from foreign nations, we are at a loss to explain the non-participation of Nigerian Christians in the medical profession in this labor of love. We should all remember that we have only one life to live and it is what we do for Christ alone that shall count.

As you go through this report, we pray that you shall be sufficiently challenged to actively support the persecuted church with whatever God has put at your disposal. After all, we all look forward to hearing the Lord say to us, "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Rev. Isaac Oluwole Wusu

National Director

Voice of Christian Martyrs, Nigeria

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“Bishara Ikon Allah”

(The gospel the power of God)

“Sai mun yi!”

(We must do it!)



“Dole a fada masu”

(We must tell them)

“Ko sun ki, ko sun so”

(Whether they like it or not)”

GREETINGS FROM PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

THE SURVIVORS

THE BRAND THAT WAS PLUCKED FROM THE FIRE





SAI FULANI SUKA ZO ...

THE SURVIVOR OF RIYOM

It is a phrase common to the survivors — “Sai Fulani Suka Zo”, meaning, “the Fulani came”.

Each time they started telling their story with the phrase, “Sai Fulani Suka Zo”, it is certain that the story would be one of tragedy and sorrow. On each occasion that the “Sai Fulani Suka Zo”, destruction followed.

The story of Pastor John was not different. On 7th July, 2012, sai Fulani suka zo, and by the time they left, the wife of pastor John was slaughtered, all his six children were slaughtered, forty members of his congregation, who ran to the house of their pastor for refuge, were also slaughtered. After they were all killed, the Islamic militants set their corpses on fire. In all, 67 people were massacred by 7.00 a.m. on 7th July, 2012.

Pastor John narrates the ordeal:

By the grace of God I relate the incident that happened to me on the 7th of July 2012. It started around 7am in the morning; we were sitting around when some Fulani men just appeared. Suddenly, we started hearing the sounds of gunshots before we knew it; they had surrounded us and were attacking us. As they came into my house, I got up and ran into the bush to hide myself. I left other family members inside the house; my wife and my six children were set on fire with the house. Included in this carnage were about 40 members of my church who ran to my house to seek refuge, they were also killed and burnt.

In all, about 67 people lost their lives in C.C. Masse Kotton in Kasuwa Tapun Dabe, of Riyom LGA in Plateau state. After the killings, the mobile police came and rescued us and took us to another place in Gashi Street in Barikin Ladi LGA, we stayed there for about one week. The soldiers told us to leave that village and go somewhere else that they needed to do a house to house search, I had to come and stay with my brother here in Barikin Ladi for about six months but some Christian organisation assisted me with some things and some

brethren gave me clothes and food.

In January 2013, RCC took me from Barikin Ladi to their headquarters. Now I am living in RCC (Regional Church Centre of COCIN). I am there alone now with no wife or children.

KM: What do you expect the body of Christ in Nigeria to do for you?

Elder Ali: I need prayers from them, and any other thing that they can assist with to resettle me.

KM: About the situation in the North what do you expect the Christians to do?

Elder Ali: With the situation in the country as it is, it is only the prayers of the saints that can save the situation. As we have read in the bible, we are in the end times; nothing is really new to us. We just have to put our trust in God and ask Him to help us to stand firm to the end



Pastor John Alidoro

BOMB ATTACK

The Story of Mamaki

A TRIP TO THE MARKET ON CHRISTMAS EVE TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE

Like every other Christian, Mamaki Damboyi was looking forward to the Christmas festivities. On Christmas eve of 2010, Mamaki closed from his mechanic workshop and passed through the market to purchase some items for the Christmas celebration. Unknowingly to him, Islamic terrorists had planted a bomb in the market. He received an unpleasant Christmas gift. "After purchasing the items, I was on my way back home. I did not know that a bomb was planted in the market. I heard a heavy and loud noise and before I could realise what was going on, a force carried me up and threw my down. When I regained consciousness, both legs were gone - it was a bomb blast."

Mamaki was taken to Jos University Teaching Hospital where his seriously damaged legs were amputated.

"I was hospitalized for almost three months before I was finally sent home."

Shortly after the incident, his wife left him with their two children, aged 10 and 7 years. Now, Mamaki without any source of income, has to cater for himself and for the two children.

While he was receiving treatment, friends and associates assisted him with the payment of hospital bills, but the bill was more than what they could cope with. After a while, the friends and associates also left him to fend for himself. Even the government could not fulfil its promise of giving him a wheelchair or help with the payment of the hospital bill. Mamaki had to sell his small car to settle the hospital bill. Even, after that, he still had outstanding bills to pay. Later, when the Voice of Martyrs Medical (VOMedical) heard of his plight, they searched for him and gave him money to pay the outstanding hospital bill.

The Voice of Christian Martyrs also enabled him to receive two artificial legs to aid his movement.

"Before receiving these artificial legs, people ran away from me because I could not move on my own. To go to the toilet or take a bath was real agony. But now, I can move around on my own. I cannot thank them enough." What is paramount in his mind now is to find work so that he can sustain himself and his two children.

"I am not finding things easy at all. The school fees of my children has to be paid, I owe house rent for three years and the landlady is threatening to throw us out of the house and we find it difficult to feed. It is tough." Mamaki hopes he could raise money to purchase a vehicle which he can customize to run a transportation

business. As a mechanic, working with vehicles is easy for him and it would produce less strain on the artificial legs he now has. Mamaki hopes to generate about 40,000 naira a

month to take care of himself and his two children. This includes school fees, uniform and books for his children. For now, Mamaki is very grateful to God for sending members of the VOMedical to assist him in his darkest hour.

Assistance for Mamaki could be channelled through info@stephensng.com



MAMAKI DAMBOYI
A NASTY CHRISTMAS GIFT



BOMB ATTACK:

Jennifer



Jennifer
Ngozi
Anibueze

Blinded in both eyes



BOMB ATTACK:

Chineye

My name is Edoga Chineye and I am from Enugu State. On September 23rd 2012, my friends and I went to church and after the service, as we were going home, we saw a vehicle that suddenly turned into the church premises. The vehicle took us by surprise and the three of us were knocked down and we lost consciousness. I woke up at the hospital and asked my mum and the people around me what I was doing there? They told me there was a bomb blast in the church, St John's Catholic Church, Bauchi. I immediately thanked God for delivering me from premature death.

We were receiving treatment at the General Hospital and we were assured that the government will take care of the bills. However, whenever we were given a prescription, we ended up buying the medication with our money because we were informed that the drugs were not available in the hospital's pharmacy. We went through hardship while in the hospital but we thank God that we still survived.

I stayed in the hospital for one month then I was told to go home that they have done all that they could.

My family decided to take me to another hospital in the East. I was taken to Calabar for eye treatment. At the hospital in Calabar, I was informed that I could no longer make use of my right eye. I was told that I could still use the left eye but the right eye was gone.

We later visited Enugu teaching hospital and the

report was the same with the report for Calabar. I remained in the village for about 4 months when my friend called me that there is a Christian mission that has come to assist all those that were involved in the bomb blast. I asked her for the name and she mentioned the Voice of Christian Martyrs. She assured me that she had mentioned my case to their representative here in Jos and they will get in touch with me. The VOCM representative later called me. I discussed this with my family and they approved of my going to Jos. Today I am receiving help from VOCM.

I thank God for delivering my life from that bomb attack. About four people died in the incident and many people were injured. I also want to thank the Voice of Christian Martyrs for coming to our aid in the time of need.



*Chineye Edoga
Blinded in one eye*

The Story of Jennifer

On September 23rd 2012, immediately we closed from church, (St. John's Catholic Church, Bauchi), Chineye, Ebere and myself were walking towards the church gate. We saw a vehicle that moved as if it was going to pass the front gate of the church, suddenly, it made a sharp turn towards us and was coming directly for us. We wanted to run back into the church premises, but the car hit me on the left leg and I fell down. As I fell, a bomb exploded and the force of the explosion lifted me from the ground and dropped me with force on the bonnet of the vehicle. That was all I could remember.

I regained consciousness in the hospital, but I was in total shock. When I recovered from the shock, I asked my sister to explain to me where I was because everything seemed dark; she promised to tell me in the morning since it was in the night. The following morning she explained to me that I was involved in the bomb blast carried out by Boko Haram. I spent more days in the hospital receiving treatment but I must mention that we paid for all the medication and the materials for treating the various injuries on my body. The government did not assist us in any way whatsoever.

I was discharged from the hospital even though the wounds were still healing and the fact that I couldn't see. I returned to the East and my family members tried to get better medical care for me. While in the East, I visited different hospitals and I travelled as far as Calabar in Cross River State as well as to Idah, in Kogi State. All the doctors came to the same conclusion that there may be hope for my eyes but definitely the treatment would not be in Nigeria. I told them that I do not have the resources to travel abroad for medical treatment since my parents are farmers.

One day, I got a call from the Voice of Christian Martyrs because my friend Ebere visited their office and told them of my predicament and they were interested in helping. So I returned to Jos and on arrival, they took me to the hospital. I was informed at the hospital that the problem with my eyes could be still corrected but the equipment required is not available in Nigeria. The surgery can only be performed in India.

I am using this medium to plead with people to help me raise money for the treatment in India.

Assistance for Jennifer could be channelled through info@stephensng.com

BOMB ATTACK:

Tunde

Christmas Eve Disaster

On December 24th 2010, I was at Gada Biu junction, Jos, on my way home. Then, I was in the Junior Secondary School 3. Suddenly, I heard a loud blast and lost consciousness. When I regained consciousness, I realized that my left leg was gone. The soldiers came with their vehicles, after about 30 minutes, and took all the injured people to Jan Kwano hospital, Jos.

The bomb that exploded was planted close to a beer parlour at the Gada Biu junction.

I spent about one month in the hospital. The hospital tried to save the leg but it was not healing. Before long, it started smelling so we were advised to amputate it.

I will like to appeal to the government to assist those that were affected in the various bomb attacks, particularly those that lost one or both legs. I also want to encourage those that were affected like me to return to school and seek to have a normal career in life.



Tunde Ganiyu:



THE SURVIVORS:

Dogo Nahawa

Fulani Jihadists attacked the village of Dogo Nahawa in Jos on 7th March, 2010, killing 501 Christians sleeping peacefully in their homes. They killed men and women, they killed the old and the young. The aged were not spared, neither were little children pitied. The heads of toddlers and infants were split into two with machete. Three years after the genocide, the villagers are yet to recover from the shock.



One of the victims in Dogo Nahawa



The Mass Grave At Dogo Nahawa



Children praising God in the village Church in March 2013



The village Chief.
10 of his children are buried in the mass grave.



THE SURVIVORS:

Dogo Nahawa

Chuwang Mafang Musa



fell down; that was the last thing I knew. I cannot say what happened thereafter or how I got to the hospital.

I was fortunate not to have been shot, but I lost my right leg due to severe cut by a machete from a Fulani militant.

The leg was cut so severely that only the flesh was now holding it to the rest of my body. The machete cut right through the bone.

After the treatment at the hospital, I was told to come Voice of Christian Martyrs by the brethren in my church.

So far, we received minimal assistance from the government following the attack. Even while at the hospital, it was my father that took care of the hospital bills.

On the night that 501 Christians were massacred in Dogo Nahawa, I was fortunate that nobody was killed in my family. Unfortunately, many of my friends were killed and some were terribly injured, including myself. This incident occurred around 2 a.m in the morning when we were sleeping. The Fulanis entered the village with guns and other dangerous weapons and they started shooting the villagers. They came and attacked us, burning houses and shooting people. They were shooting and using machete on people at the same time.

While I was running, a Fulani man with a machete cut me on the leg and I



THE SURVIVORS:

Dogo Nahawa

Weng Goodluck Tshua:

Helping him find his feet in life

He was 3 weeks old when Fulani Jihadists attacked the village of Dogo Nahawa and slaughtered 501 Christians for their faith in Jesus Christ. All the nine members of Weng's family, which included his father and mother, were killed. He was rescued from the burning house, but not before the fire had consumed his feet. Weng grew up unable to run around and play like other children of his age, until the prosthetic team arrived from the United States of America.

After studying the peculiarities of his feet, they returned to the U.S. to fashion special shoes for him. The team returned with two different shoes for each leg both of which Weng was able to wear easily and move about with, comfortably.

An interesting feature of the shoes is the consideration given to the growth of his limbs, as a child. To compensate for the rapid growth of his limbs, the inner part of the shoes were made in three layers: caramel color, white and black. As his limbs grow, each layer shall be peeled off giving him more room inside the shoes.

The prosthetic team has calculated that before he reaches the black inner layer, they would be back with a fresh pair of shoes to accommodate his size.

For now, Weng can stand his ground.



Angels

...Restoring Hope





THE SURVIVORS:

Dogo Nahawa

Lydia John: Needs A Helping Hand

I am from Dogo Nahawa near Jos.

On the 7th of March, while we were sleeping, we just heard gunshots. I went out and I saw the Fulanis and I started running, they came after me and started striking me with machete, as they were attacking me, I was blocking their strike with my two hands and that is why I have these scars.

My house was also burnt and our entire property destroyed. My mother-in-law was killed in the process and my husband's brothers and their children were all killed.

In the morning, the security operatives came and took us to Jos University Teaching Hospital where I received treatment.

MC: How many people did they kill in your house?

Lydia: They killed 11 people.

MC: How about your husband?

Lydia: My husband is alive.

MC: Was he in the village at the time of the attack?

Lydia: Yes, he was, but he was able to escape and they did not see him.

MC: Do you have children?

Lydia: No, I have just been married then.

MC: How did you manage to escape?

Lydia: I ran into the Catholic Church building.

MC: What are you doing now?

Lydia: Nothing at the moment, because I don't have money to start a business. I cannot use these hands to farm again. My sisters and my mother are the ones helping me to do my house chores and to cook.



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We wish to thank all our numerous partners and supporters for the great encouragement and assistance that we have received from them for this ministry to the persecuted Church.

As the work expands in Nigeria, it has become necessary for us to outline specific projects for those who might wish to sponsor any while at the same time, opportunity remains for those who might wish to make donations on a regular basis. Donors should kindly note the following projects as well as the bank accounts attached to them:

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SURVIVORS OF BOKO-HARAM MASSACRE IN THE NORTH

Nathan Ezekiel Moses Wali.

On 5th January, 2012, Nathan and his neighbors had an unpleasant visit from members of Boko Haram. Nathan was born in Damaturu and he went to school in the town. His father and a few other brethren pioneered the planting of the ECWA Church in Damaturu and the church grew to a sizeable number. After completing his National Youth Service, Nathan was employed by a construction company in the town as a surveyor.

On that fateful day, Nathan had just returned from work when four gun men dressed in “jallabiya” (a long gown that runs from the shoulder to the ankle) entered the premises and locked the entrance door behind them. The four occupants in the house were made up of three Christians and one Muslim.

In the first room was Yuguda with his 12 year old son, they were members of ECWA. In the next room was Mohammed, an engineer with the company, and of the Muslim faith. The third room was occupied by Baba John, another Christian, while Nathan occupied the last room.

The gun men ordered all of them to come out and shouted, “all you infidels, your end has come today”. After robbing them, of their mobile phones and money, they ordered them to lie prostrate on the ground. Then, they commenced a systematic execution of the men.

The first to be shot was Yuguda. He was shot at close range in the head with AK47 rifle and he died instantly. His twelve old son was shot in the chest and the young boy also died immediately.

When they moved to Mohammed, he protested, “I am not an infidel, I am a Muslim.”

One of the terrorists retorted, “Why are you staying among the infidels? Have we not warned you that you should not be staying with them?”

Before he could reply, they shot him dead.

They moved over to Baba John's door and shot him twice at the chest and he died.

As the terrorist aimed at the head of Nathan to shoot, Nathan cried out, “save me, oh God!” He suddenly saw his head jerk upwards as the bullet was fired. The bullet went through his nose and took off his upper jaw completely from the mouth. The second bullet went through the mouth breaking the lower jaw to the ground while the third bullet fractured his right hand.

The Islamic terrorists poured petrol in all the rooms and set the house on fire before leaving.

When Nathan realized that he was still alive, he quickly stretched his hand to pick his second mobile phone which was by the window. Fortunately for him, the terrorists did not see it. Entering the room was impossible since it was already on fire.

As he came out of the house seeking help, his Muslim neighbors drove him away on the ground that they did not want him to cause any problem for them with Boko Haram. He pleaded with them for a pair of trouser which they hurriedly gave him and they told him to leave their vicinity. He was soaked in his blood which was splashing out from the severed veins and capillaries. A military vehicle on patrol refused to stop and help him but another vehicle which came along took him to the General Hospital in Damaturu.

Due to the state of his face, no one could recognize him. By this time, his strength was beginning to fail when he saw a neighbor named Bakaka, a staff of the Nigerian Immigration Service.

Bakaka reluctantly helped him to call his younger brother before he disappeared and never came back. By this time, the entire hospital premises was surrounded by the military and the police.

Months later, when Nathan was finally transferred to Maiduguri teaching hospital, he learnt that Bakaka was arrested with arms on his way to Maiduguri to supply Boko Haram terrorists weapons. That was when Nathan realized that Bakaka directed the attack of the Boko Haram and had followed him to the hospital to confirm if he was dead or alive. The presence of the

security personnel at the hospital stopped them from embarking on any further attack on him.

The medical treatment for Nathan was stalled due to lack of funds. The construction company assisted with some funds but it was insufficient. To worsen matters, Nathan's father went into a stroke when he heard of the attack on his son. He died while Nathan was still in the hospital. The surgery on Nathan could not be completed due to lack of money. He still needs a major operation which will cost 200,000 naira. When he visited the office of the Voice of Christian Martyrs, he sneezed twice with blood gushing out of his nose.



Mathias Che Biame

65 years old Mathias Che Biame has lived in Maiduguri for 35 years. He used to run a workshop repairing and selling both refrigerators and air conditioners. His workshop was in the city centre, about one kilometer from the palace of the Emir of Borno.

On 3rd September, 2012, while outside his workshop, a stranger dressed in Muslim Jallabiya walked up to him with a stern and unfriendly look on his face. Mathias was scrutinizing the face of the man to see if he had met him before, that was when he noticed the rifle under the plain white cloth the man was wearing.

As Mathias mumbled, “help, oh God”, the rifled roared and he went blank.

After a while he, he realized that he was on the ground in the pool of his blood. He tried to get up, but his legs could not carry him. The bullet had broken the bi-polar bone of the femur as it passed through the pelvic region. As he tried to lift his hands up, the right hand was also fractured by the second bullet shot by the Islamic terrorist. The gunman shot only Mathias and escaped into the crowd.

The military from a check point nearby rushed Mathias to the hospital where he spent over 5 months receiving different medical treatments. He still needs a surgery to fix the broken hand.



Yakubu Dauda.

Yakubu Dauda lived in a village known as Ngelzarma which is about 50km away from Damaturu, the state capital of Yobe State. The compound he was living in has three demarcated local apartments with one common entrance into the compound. His neighbor to the right is a Muslim while his neighbor to the left is the Pastor of the Deeper Life Bible Church in the community. Within the compound, each apartment is separated by a wall which allows each tenant some measure of privacy.

Yakubu returned home on that fateful day about 7 p.m. and locked his apartment. In the night, at about 10.30 p.m., the Islamic militants came through the Muslim man's apartment and climbed over the fence and forcefully broke Yakubu's door. Four gun men entered his room and started asking him where his brother, the Pastor, was.

Meanwhile, when the pastor heard the commotion, he scaled the fence on his side and fled for his life.

When it was clear that the pastor had fled, they tied Yakubu's hands behind his back and dragged him like an animal from the room to the compound. After tying his legs and pinning him to the ground, the main executioner removed his knife from its kit on his leg where he strapped it. He started cutting Yakubu's neck from the right side towards the back of the neck. The blood gushed out with fierce pressure, and it kept splashing on the face of the executioner who kept cutting through the left shoulder of Yakubu, peeling off the muscles of the shoulder down to the bones of the arm. He thought he had cut him completely round and they left him motionless on the ground believing that he was dead.

They removed the rope used to tie his legs but they left the hands tied. They took the belongings of Yakubu that they could carry and left. After they had left, Yakubu got up and

went to his Muslim neighbors apartment and pleaded for help. The wife of the Muslim neighbor was very sympathetic but she could not untie him due to how horrible and brutal the cut on his body was. She said her husband had gone out so, she and Yakubu went to the main passage and waited for her husband who took time talking with the attackers outside the house. When he finally came in, he was surprised to see that Yakubu was still alive. He was torn between killing Yakubu or helping him. His wife kept pleading with him to help Yakubu and untie him. After a while the Muslim man removed a small sharp knife to cut the rope but told him “I cannot help you further”.

Yakubu went back to his room and took the only shirt left hanging in his room and tied it round his neck to reduce the blood gushing out and started moving towards the Emir's palace to seek help. In the palace most of the people felt he was going to die and there was no need for anything to be done, but the Emir called for help from the city. A military vehicle came in the morning and helped him to the general hospital where he had the wound managed. He still has pains around the region. He is being evaluated at the Jos University Teaching Hospital.



Shettima Sale.

Shettima Sale, was born in 1981 to a Christian family in the old Maiduguri town. Most of Shettima Sale's extended family members are still Muslims and had persuaded his father to return to Islam but his conviction was very strong and he raised all his Children in the way of the Lord.

Boko Haram militants had been operating for some time in the old Maiduguri area. In July 2011, they killed over 64 Christians in who were members of the two churches in the small area. In addition to that, they had been going from house to house, serially killing Christians.

On the 28th of December, 2011, Boko-Haram militants attacked some Christians in their shops on the main street of old Maiduguri and killed sister Maryamu, a fried fish seller and a member of the COCIN Church old Maiduguri.

Many Christians gathered for her funeral the next day, 29th December, 2012. About 200 Christian women and exactly nine men were in the house mourning her demise when Boko Haram struck again.

Shettima Sale was one of the nine men sitting on a wide mat in the entrance hall to the compound while all the women were inside the compound including Shettima's wife. At about 7 p.m., after the first call of the Muslim prayers, the believers heard a gunshot close to where they were sitting. Shettima felt that the shot was so close and he lifted his head to try and see where the shot was coming from. Behold, the gun man was less than 10 meters away from their position and he just aimed at the crowd and started shooting indiscriminately. Shettima decided to lie down flat on the mat. As he was lying down he kept seeing the fire of the bullet coming out of the rifle and heard people screaming as they got hit by the bullet.

Suddenly, one of the bullets went through Shettima's hip region by the side and came out of the other side just below the ribs. Six of the men sitting at the entrance got shot while three of them were able to escape as they ran into the compound where the crowd of the women were sitting and quickly shut the entrance door which fortunately, protected the women from the gun shots. Shettima and the other injured brethren kept calling and shouting for help but no one was able to render any help until the gun man had finished his operation and left.

The military later came took them to the hospital, but two of them died in the hospital due to deliberate negligence of the hospital nurses, simply because they had Christian names.

After this attack, the world of Shettima completely turned upside down due to the great ordeal he and his wife went through. While



in the hospital, a few Christian brethren came to visit them, but most of their friends and relatives deserted them. They stayed for about two months in the hospital barely able to pay the hospital bills. His wife kept moving between the hospital and their home where their two children were staying to source funds to pay medical bills.

Shettima, a carpenter spent everything they had on medical bills and there was still bill to pay. They struggled to settle the last bill and asked for discharge from the hospital since they didn't have money to pay for the treatment which involved active physiotherapy.

They were discharged on request and went back home. It was not until they got home that they realized that the hospital was actually a refuge for them. The pattern of Boko Haram never to allow their surviving victims to live. Shettima and his family were no longer at ease to in Maiduguri.

ESCAPE TO KWANDIGA

They sourced for money and moved to a neighboring town known as Kwandiga which is in another Local Government in Borno State.

They kept coming to the hospital from there, where they spent about N3,000.00 on every visit to the hospital. Meanwhile, they were required to visit the hospital twice a week. Due to the financial burden they could not go to the hospital anymore and his condition continued to deteriorate. They spent about two months in the town when Boko Haram militants followed them to the village. They attacked a Church and started going from house to house killing Christians, even in broad daylight.

Shettima was locked up in a room by his wife before she fled, because he could not use his two legs. They came to the compound but the Lord saved him because they did not break that door open. He was advised to leave that area after the attacks and he went to another remote village known as Dalwa where his mother and his mother's relatives were staying.

ANOTHER ESCAPE TO DALWA

He left his wife and the children in Kwandiga and went to Dalwa on a Sunday hoping to find refuge there. On Tuesday that same week, Boko Haram arrived, they burnt the Church building close to the house he was hiding and started going house to house again killing Christians. His mother had earlier ran out and locked him inside the house, when she saw them moving from house to house, she came back and opened the door and told him that they are operating from house to house killing Christians. Shettima had to crawl on his knee though thorns that injured him all over the legs. When he got to a place where the grasses were a bit tall, his mother said to him, "just hide here even they burn the house as they are doing the flame will not get here."

She went and packed beans residue and put them on him and made the place look like a refuse dump. Shettima kept hearing their footsteps moving from one house to the other with the sound of their rifles hitting their bodies as they ran, but none of them saw him. Again the Lord saved him from their hands.

This operation took over four hours in the village in broad daylight before they left.

RETURN TO KWANDIGA

Shettima had no any place to run to anymore. He then decided to go back and stay with his family at Kwandiga. On reaching there, the landlord who was a Muslim, told them to park out of the house

or they should become Muslims. The landlord said, "I was strictly instructed to send you out of my house and I don't want any trouble; it's either you become Muslims and stay or you move out with immediate effect".

Shettima had already paid him the rent for one year and he had barely spent three months. The landlord sent him packing without refunding the money. When they were packing out, the Muslim women in the area came and began pick whatever they wanted from their properties knowing that they cannot move all the items out of the house. In tears they gave out most of their properties cheaply to get the money to leave town. They sold the settee they bought at N70,000.00 for N15,000.00. Some of their properties were just picked as spoils by the Muslims who made jest of them as they left. Shettima returned to Maiduguri surrendering his life to the custody of the Lord.

During this period of affliction, many of their close friends refused to identify with them because of fear of being killed and most of their relatives deserted them. Unfortunately, the Church was not there for them, possibly because the Church itself is under series of attacks. Through all these trials, Shettima made up his mind to become a Muslim and get relief from all his troubles. Even his wife sometimes wished she could get converted to Islam and be free from all the afflictions, but at those moments the Lord will encourage them with scriptures that strengthens. Again and again, they would fight off the despondency and reaffirm their

commitment to die in Christ and remain partakers of His suffering rather than live in worldly luxury as Muslims.

His former pastor, who had earlier received assistance from VOMedical, brought his case to the attention of Voice of Christian Martyrs and he was evacuated from Borno State. He is presently under evaluation in an orthopedic hospital.



JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND NICODEMUS

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REFUGEES In Their Own Country

DISPLACED CHRISTIANS IN YOBE

“People had to move to various places to find refuge after we were displaced in Yobe. We were moved to Plateau State because two of the major denominations in Yobe also have presence here. COCIN (Church of Christ in all Nations) and ECWA (Evangelical churches of West Africa), these two denominations are the major churches in Yobe state. We all came here as individuals but they were able to organise us as a group of refugees and the State Government provided this place for us.”

Some people tried to return home when it seemed the situation has improved but as soon as other crises occur, they run back here.

Those who have children who are meant to be in school, have no option than to arrange new schools for them very close to the refugee camp. So most of the children now attend school around here.

Some of the people who keep their occupation in Yobe state still go back to their home though some have to arrange accommodation in nearby villages, close to their places of work, and they come back here after work. This has been the pattern for the past one year.

Everyone of us in this camp is from Yobe State. The worst hit areas in Yobe are Potiskum and Damaturu. As in the case of Borno State, the worst hit area is Maiduguri. Maiduguri can be described as a town under siege. The intensity of the crises in Yobe and Maiduguri can be compared as the same. As a result of these crises, some Christians have also moved to Nasarawa and Adamawa states from Maiduguri. This has been our story for the past one year.

Christians in Yobe state faced both militant and economic Jihad. Initially the experience had to do with restricted access to schools and employment. Christians are denied jobs by the Government on account of their faith, even when they are qualified. The few ones that had access to jobs were kept from promotion or any form of advancement. Initially these were the kinds of persecution we encountered. Another one worthy of mention is that our women are sponsored to marry out of the Christian faith.

The persecution also came in forms of name callings, no equal opportunity and violent attacks on the places of Christian worship with one or two people losing their lives; but these used to be sporadic.

In the public schools the Christian children are not given the opportunity to learn their religion. No teacher who teaches Christian religion will be employed in the school. Our children have to be taught their religion at home or sent to private Christian schools.

Of recent the nature of the persecution has increased and taken a more violent turn. Churches are burnt down more frequently now, assassinations and mass killing of Christians are on the increase until it has become unsafe to live in Yobe State.

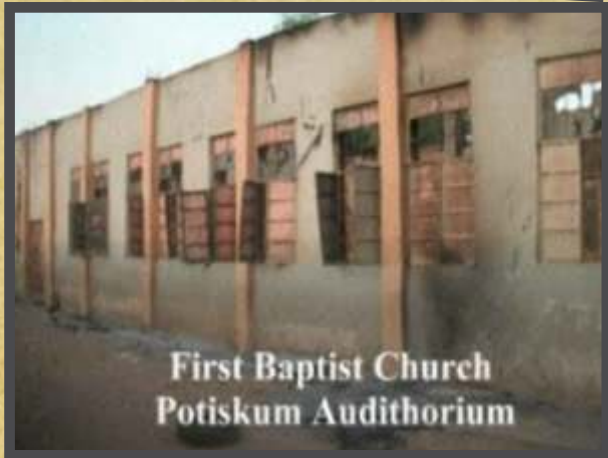
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Date	Denomination	Place	Remark
1- 18 th April, 2011	ECWA Church No.1	Potiskum	Burnt
2- 18 th April, 2011	ECWA Goodnews	Potiskum	Burnt
3- 18 th April, 2011	ECWA No. 2	Potiskum	Burnt
4- 18 th April, 2011	ECWA DCC Sect	Potiskum	Burnt
5- 18 th April, 2011	ECWA No.3	Potiskum	Burnt
6- 18 th April, 2011	ECWA Gwange	Damaturu	Destroyed
7- 18 th April, 2011	ECWA Ali, Marami	Damaturu	Destroyed
8- 4 th Nov. 2011	11 Churches	Damaturu	Burnt
9- 26 th Nov. 2011	5 Churches	Gaidam	Burnt
10- 22/23 Dec. '11	3 Churches	Damaturu	Burnt
11- 24 th Dec. 2011	5 Churches	Gadaka	Burnt
12- 25 th Dec. 2011	2 Churches	Potiskum	Burnt
13- 24 th Dec. 2011	COCIN Church	Firi	Burnt

SUMMARY OF PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENTS BURNT ON MONDAY, 7TH MAY, 2012 IN YOBE STATE:

1. Items in ECWA NO1 / Good news Church Auditorium - N1,229, 120.00
2. ECWA NO1 / Good news Church Musical Instruments - N 998, 000.00
3. ECWA NO1 / Good news Church Security Office - N 097. 000.00
4. INA MATA-LA business centre - N121, 300.00
5. ECWA Academy - N 460,000.00
6. Samuel Baba - N 146,000.00
7. Karai-Karai Bible Language Association - N 871,000.00
8. ECWA Rural Development (RD) - N 750,000.00

Total = N 4,072,420.00



First Baptist Church
Potiskum Auditorium



The SEED Not MUST DIE

The Voice of Christian Martyrs met His Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Gombe State, Mr. Jason T. Rubainu, for a short interview after a relief distribution in Gombe. Below are excerpts from the interview.

Your Excellency, how would you assess the work of the Voice of Christian Martyrs in Gombe State?

I was very surprised when I saw what the Voice of Christian Martyrs did to support widows as well as Christians who have need. I wondered how they came about all that they distributed and I just concluded that the God of Israel is also the God of Nigeria. I appreciate all that they have done for persecuted Christians and I hope that a lot of other Christians will partner with them in this good work.

Bearing in mind that much of their support emanates from outside Nigeria, how could we mobilize Nigerian Christians to partner in this work?

What we lack in this country is awareness. If we could get a radio or a TV station to mobilize the people, I am certain that a lot of people will want to join in what the Voice of Christian Martyrs is doing. There are many Nigerians that have the resources and are willing to use those resources to help people.

How should we see the religious crises in the nation?

The religious side is being used by the criminals to perpetrate their evil intentions and they claim that



they are Muslims. However, when you dig deep into their activities, you will realize that there is nothing Islamic about it at all.

I will give you some examples. In the past, we used to have armed robbery attacks between Gombe and Yola road, and along Gombe and Bauchi/Maiduguri road. Recently, the armed robbery attacks on these roads have stopped. The question now is where are the armed robbers? Even on the road from Abuja to Lagos, luxurious buses were being stopped and people were being searched and robbed. Now that rate of robbery has also diminished.

Where are the bandits? I tell you, they have disappeared into the Boko Haram sect because that is where they can now perpetrate their crime under the guise of religion.

We may ask “why do they have to take their own lives”?

But you see a parallel in what is going on in the Nigerian Universities. We have the secret cults on campuses and they also commit a lot of atrocities. These people in Boko Haram have also been cornered by a cult. They are working under a cult.

I was very surprised when I saw what the Voice of Christian Martyrs did to support widows as well as Christians who have need...I appreciate all that they have done for persecuted Christians and I hope that a lot of other Christians will partner with them in this good work.

When you take an oath in the cult you must perform according to the dictates of your cult. That is why they tie them and sometimes they chain them inside the car that they have to go and attack a church or attack a house.

Do we conclude that it is not religious?

The masterminds are those that went abroad and came back with the Al-Qaida. To that extent, one can claim there is a religious element to it. But some are doing it purely on monetary values. For example they sent people to Gombe to attack Ashaka. You know where they attacked? They attacked two banks only. They went into the strong room where they will get money. They did not go to Ashaka Cement accounting department because most customers go there go with bank drafts. So there is a mixed grill in this terror affair. If you look at it closely, virtually 80 percent of it is pure robbery.

But they go on and steal this money and they give it to the young ones and brainwash them that, look, "if you go and do that you will go to heaven straight."

Look at what happened in the South South. The militants started by kidnapping anybody that looks like an expatriate to extort money; they are criminals. Now that they are being given the contracts of securing those pipes lines, are they doing it? No.

The situation in the North is made more challenging and difficult because you have a lot of illiterates. Most of them did not go to school and they have nothing. So if someone gives them money and tells them to go and die, death and living to them is the same. Some people will take the money and do

anything.

It is just like what happened in Sudan. In Sudan those boys that were attacking the soldiers can kill for anything because they have no hope in life. Some of them even walk naked. So if you give them money to go and kill, why wouldn't they do it? They take the money and give it to their parents because they think they are saving their parents from dying. Then they get some of the money and get drunk and so do what they want to do. If you watch the film of what happened in Sudan, and what happened in Congo, and what happened in Kenya, you will see that it is the

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same Africa and the same African youths.

Take a look at the Almajiris in the North. When a child finishes the Almajiri School he does not even know his father. The child is alone in Gombe and one man walks in and gives him money beyond what



he expects. And he says "look, if you kill you are going to heaven straight." What will the child do?

In South West where Awolowo lived, education made the story different. However, it is not the same in Maiduguri.

From what Voice of Christian Martyrs is doing, I have seen light glowing in the darkness and I am sure and I am assuring you, that things will change for the better. If we continue to touch lives and go into the hinterland the way we are doing here and teach the Word of God.

What can be done to remedy the situation?

The solution is education. The missionaries came and established schools and I had the opportunity of going to school. Our governor is well educated. You can see from his level of performance that he is different from other office public office holders who did not have the advantage

of formal education. When he assumed office in Gombe state, he made education a top priority. One of the first projects he embarked upon is the construction of primary schools on a massive scale. .

We should be doing free education like Awolowo introduced in the West because the solution to the problems of the North is quality education. That is what would elevate us from these problems we are having.

Your Excellency, we cannot talk about the church without its leadership. What advice will you give to Christian leaders in the South?

The Christians in the North are what they are and are behaving the way they do because in honesty, they have accepted the light and every day they are facing challenges. The persecution of Christians in the North is bringing the best Christian virtues out of them. They are becoming strong in forgiveness, perseverance, patience, love and above, all in faith. The challenges keep them vibrant.

You might have heard that our party chairman who is a Christian and a member of PDP had ten people killed in his house during the post-election violence in 2011. The entire assessment was done for all the churches and his entire house and of everything that was destroyed. Even though there has been no compensation to date, the people are not discouraged neither are they deterred from serving God. Unfortunately this lack of encouraging response from the authorities makes the situation more distressing for the Christians in the North. We have tried our best to get positive response to the challenges facing Christians in the North and I can assure you that it is an ongoing process.



Concerning the state of the church?

Christianity came from the South to the North. Missionaries came and preached and people accepted the gospel. Now, some misguided people are making unguarded statements that the nation should divide. What will be the fate of those you have converted to Christianity in the North? You have a duty. If you carry the Bible to anybody you have a duty to protect that person from head to toe. What they lack in the South is probably that some people do not just care. They went to school abroad, they came back and they do not know what is happening in the North. Some of them do not even believe there are Christians in the North.

From what you see today, what kind of hope do you see in Nigeria?

Well now, from what Voice of Christian Martyrs is doing, I have seen a light glowing in the darkness and I am sure and I am assuring you, that things will change for the better if we continue to touch lives and go into the hinterland the way we are doing here and teach the Word of God.

Muslims do appreciate you when you are a believer. I assure you that some of the business men in Gombe before will not employ you to be their accountant until they know you are a Christian. This is because they don't want their money to be stolen from them. They believe that if you employ a Christian, he will account very well and their money will not miss.

So, we as Christians must assure the world that we are accountable in everything that is entrusted to us. If we can do that, then people will look at us as role models and say: "look, we will become Christians, too."

Finally, sir, what would you like to tell Christians in the South?

Well, what I would like to tell my Christian brothers, my beloved brethren in the South, is that please always remember that over here across the Niger, where some of your brothers have come and lived and stayed and the early church missionaries also came, they have left the Word of God. They should not allow that Word to perish. If they do, God will ask them because the burden is on them to support the Christians in the North. They have introduced Christianity to us here and they must follow it

Sons of The Martyrs

THE BRAND THAT WAS PLUCKED OUT OF THE FIRE



Stories Of Children Of Martyrs

At the **STEPHEN CHILDREN HOME**, Abeokuta, over 320 children rescued from the various religious crises in the northern parts of Nigeria are accommodated. They receive free education, free feeding, as well as free accommodation. Some of these children arrived at the age of four and they have stayed until they reached adulthood. Some of them are already in the University, while others are at various classes in the secondary and primary schools.

In this edition, some of the children share their testimony.

NAME: ANDREW SYLVIA

HOME ADDRESS: SABON TASHA ULPAMA

STATE: KADUNA STATE

MY STORY

I want to thank God for a wonderful learning environment in Stephen Centre international. My father died in May 22, 2000. We lost him during the riot at that time and all hope was gone. But, thanks be to God for bringing me to Stephen Centre College for the wonderful privilege to receive education here.

I would like to study Accountancy in the university and I pray for God's help in my studies.

Stephen Centre has positively impacted my life by giving me free education, food and shelter.

On behalf of all of us I say a big thank you to the Voice of Christian Martyrs. May God bless you all for your support and care for the persecuted Christians. I also want to say a special "thank you" to the Director of Stephen Children Home for your love and care. Thank you.



NAME: ASABE AYUBA

HOME ADDRESS: BRIGATE

STATE: KANO

MY STORY

My thanks goes to the Voice of Christian Martyrs for the opportunity given to me to learn freely and also for giving me free accommodation and feeding. I came to Stephen Centre because of the riot that occurred in 2004 in Kano.

I also want to thank God Almighty for His love and care showered upon me. Stephen Centre has taught me many things that will be of help to me in the future.

Once again I say a big thank you to our big uncle, the director of Stephen Centre. May God Almighty bless him.

I wish to go to university to study accountancy. After that, I would like to help those who are in need, the way I have been helped. I pray that God will help me.



NAME: BENJAMIN SEFIYA COMFORT

STATE: KANO

MY STORY

Well, I am so happy to be among those who are oppertuned to have free education under the protective arms of Voice of Christians Martyrs, Abeokuta.

The death of the bread winner of my family really affected our education but to the glory of God Almighty, He gave me hope and opportunity to be in a place like this. I have gained much experience and I have been taught useful



lessons for life.

The mission has been responsible for my education, housing and feeding.

I was a bit young when I came to Stephen Children Home. What I really appreciate most is the help I received and the protection that God has also been giving to the mission.

My sincere gratitude goes to the Voice of the Martyrs all around the globe, the director and to the members of staff. May God grant them the ability to reap the fruits of their labor.

I want to advice my other younger ones to always adhere to instruction given to them and remember “there is time for everything” and above all to trust in God.

My future dream is to attend University and study to become an accountant. After my studies, I want to spend my life helping the needy.

NAME: TANKO SHEDRACH

HOME ADDRESS: TV CENTRE BARKALLAHU RIGACHIKUN OPPOSITE NTI KADUNA.

STATE: KADUNA

MY STORY

Actually, the year Sharia was introduced witnessed troubles and uncertainties in my state, because of various riots that Muslims mounted against Christians.

On one fateful day, we were in our house when we heard the noise from our neighborhood. My father went to see what was going on. We waited for his return, but he did not return. Actually, that was last time we saw him. When we realized that we could not find him, my family members became so confused. My father was a medical doctor before he was killed, till today we do not know where his body was buried.

My gratitude and appreciation goes to the Voice of Christian Martyrs, who have brought me up to be a graduate of this great institution. Many thanks to the director and the whole organization for all their effort towards my education, May God bless you all (Amen).

I want to be a medical doctor when I grow up and I pray for God’s help.



NAME: MARKUS DONALD

HOME ADDRESS: JOS SOUTH L.C.A BUKURU

MY STORY

As at 2001 in Plateau State, a riot took place in the state capital. I was 6 years old as of that time, my mother was pregnant and my little sister was 2 years old. I also have two elder brothers who were in higher institution of learning. My father was a trader who tried his best to make sure that he meets the needs of his family. The riot started in the night. We were in the room with my mother and my dad, unexpectedly my dad was startled by the gun shot somewhere close to our house. He discovered that there were killings going on by Muslims in our area. He immediately asked us to run for safety and so we ran to the church. My father with some of his friends stayed outside to guard us, but a rioter sighted three of them from the mosque that was beside our church and he shot two the men on their legs and he shot my dad on the chest, but he did not die. He tried to escape but the Muslim rioter noticed and shot him on the arm. He fell to the floor as if he was dead. The rioter left and my dad was rushed to the hospital where he finally gave up the ghost.

I want to say a big thanks to the Voice of Christian Martyrs who took me and gave me free education at the Stephen Children Home, from my primary school and now I am a graduate of the college. Big thanks to the director and all the staff for all their effort in my life. God bless you all.



NAME: TANKO IBRAHIM SHEKWODIZAH

HOME ADDRESS: NEW BUWAYA EXTENSION KADUNA.

STATE: KADUNA

MY STORY

It is a great opportunity for me to be a graduate of Stephen Centre International School.

On February 22, 2002, there was a crisis that occurred between the Muslim and the Christian. My father tried to escape with the whole family to safety, which was successful.

He returned to rescue other Christians and on his way coming back, he was attacked by gangs of Muslims. We later found his dead body by the side of River Kaduna, and that was how I lost my dad. But where ever he is, I want to tell him that I love him and hope to meet him again in heaven by the grace of God.

Very big thanks to the director and the whole organization that brought me up from nowhere to where I am today. I am very grateful to all the members of staff who brought me up to be useful and available to the benefit of the society and our world.

Well, by the grace of God I want to study Agricultural Extension and Rural Development in the University, after that I will then move to theological seminary to learn more about God so that I can fulfill the Great Commission that Christ gave to us. By the grace of God, I will also love to work as a missionary in order to help people just as I have been helped by the mission and other people around the world. Thank you very much and may God bless you all.



NAME: ISAH PHILIP ALKALI

HOME ADDRESS: KARATUDU CONIN GORA KADUNA.

STATE: KADUNA STATE

**MY STORY
HOW MY FATHER WAS KILLED**

My father died during the 2000 riot in Kaduna State. He died on a Monday, February 21st 2000 in Rigasa. My dad woke up and took his bath to go to work but my mother told him not to because all the Christians were asked to stay at home and pray against the Sharia law that was being passed in Kaduna. But he did not take her words seriously.



On his way to work he noticed that there was a protest going on against the law then he decided to come back home. Unfortunately for him, he was stopped by a group of Muslims that were killing Christians; he then realized that it was no more a peaceful protest but a riot, a war against the Christians. Luckily for him he was rescued by a friend and was told to go and hide but he did not because he knew his family was in danger and he wanted to protect us.

On his way to rescue us he was stopped by another set of the rioters. He was asked to deny his faith in Christ but being a devoted Christian, he refused and was killed; he was butchered like an animal. We were unable to bury his body because we could not find the pieces of his body to put together. Our house was the first Christian house that was burnt down in that area.

We had to sell food on the streets to survive. Things became so hard for us. We even became laughing stock in the society.

I am so grateful to the Voice of the Christian Martyrs for rescuing me and my family from this terrible situation. I was brought to the Stephen Centre International where I was given free education, feeding, clothing and a new life. May God continue to strengthen them as they help others who are in need. Thank you so much for giving me hope and the reason I need to forgive and also make it in life. God bless you.

I will like to study political science and after that, I will join the Nigerian Defense Academy.

NAME: JOHN GLORIA

HOME ADDRESS: TELEVISION AREA

STATE: KADUNA

MY STORY

My father was killed in the year 2000 on February 22. He had the intention of helping his fellow Christians, by bringing them home and hiding them but he was also killed and burnt to ashes. I really want to thank GOD Almighty for his love and care towards us since we lost our dad and giving me hope of a brighter future, by bringing me to Stephen Centre and giving me what I actually need to succeed in life — a good education. I really want to appreciate the director for his kindness. I pray that GOD will bless him abundantly.



NAME: KUMZWAM JERRY NANKPAK

HOME ADDRESS: LANGTANG NORTH PLATEAU STATE

MY STORY

My parents and two of my younger siblings were killed in Wase Local Government area of Plateau State in 2002. After the incident, my uncle took my elder brother and I as his own children. He sent us to schools and we lived under the care of my uncle for four years.

Later, the pastor of Grace of God church in Lang tang informed my uncle about Stephen Centre. Initially, it was difficult to convince him to permit us to come Stephen Centre.

Here I am in Stephen centre receiving free education, shelter and feeding. I have actually been upgraded at the Centre because it is here that I have the opportunity to concentrate on my education without any distraction.

I appreciate the effort of our staff and most especially our big uncle who has brought me this far to finish my secondary school successfully.

I will love to study medicine in the university so that I can also help the wounded ones and I pray that God will help me. Thank you all.



NAME: USMAN FATIMA OLUWATOFUNMI

HOME ADDRESS: ABEOKUTA OCUN STATE.

MY STORY

I came to Stephen Centre International in the year 2000. I did my nursery and primary school at Stephen centre international and I was later given scholarship to go further with my secondary school education. I was having pains on my left leg; I could not walk very well as of that period of time due to my birth with polio disease. . Whenever I was to go to school in the morning, my mother used to bring me and also came to pick me up at closing hours. I'm known to be the oldest student in Stephen Centre, because I was the first person who came to the school right from the time it was established, that is the reason why the director calls me the first lady.

The school donated crutches to me to enable me start walking. After sometimes I stopped using the crutches to walk and I started walking on my own because God healed my leg. I am very happy to stand up and walk like other students. Thank God for the miracle of my life.

I gained admission into secondary school under the care of the Voice of Christian Martyrs in the year 2011 and now, I'm a graduate of the great school. Voice of the Christian Martyrs have done great work in my life by giving me free education, clothing, food, and accommodation. Everything has been free for me right from my nursery classes. I will love to say a very big thanks to the director Rev. Isaac Oluwole Newton Wusu and the mission for all their good works in my life. I pray that God will continue to see you through your mission on earth and may he reward you abundantly. Well, as long as God still continue to use people to help because I'm just a little ant with nothing in hand apart from God in heaven, I will like to study law or Mass Communication in the higher institution by the grace of God.

My advice to everyone is that, in everything we do on earth we should put God first so that he may direct our path in the right direction, we should not depend on our own understanding. Remember that prayer is the answer to all problems so remember to always pray to God for help. I am deeply grateful.



NAME: SIMON PRECIOUS

HOME ADDRESS: OLD G.R.A BAUCHI

MY STORY

Actually, the Children Home has brought a great achievement to my life. My story goes thus: my family is a lovely family of a father and mother having six children. On a fateful morning (February 2006), my family had our morning devotion and we all prepared for different activities after the devotion. My mum got a revelation that there is something that doesn't feel complete, she said that, we shouldn't go anywhere but my dad wasn't happy with what she said, because he is the breadwinner of the house and has different responsibilities on him. So, he decided that we are going to school and he is going to work.



We all prepared and left. On getting to school, we had normal classes and by 9.00 a.m. the Headmaster said everyone should go home, so we went to our mummy's shop and from there we all went home.

My dad rushed to the school to pick us but he didn't see us, so he went to the market and to my mum's shop and he discovered it was closed and everyone was running. When he wanted to leave the market, some Muslims fanatics came and surrounded him.

Amazingly, they were people my mum and dad knew, the same people that my parents had helped before, stabbed my father and he almost died. Some people rushed him to the hospital. When we heard of the occurrence, my mum rushed to meet him, there he narrated the story to her before he went for surgery. After the surgery, which was successful, he came out alive but in front of the surgical room he died.

Thanks to Stephens Children Home, my twin sister and I received free education and free accommodation. My appreciation goes to the management, and all the teachers and our minders for their support and care. A big thanks to the director and his family, the Lord will continue to strengthen them. I want to study computer science in the higher institution.

NAME: LYDIA SAMUEL MUNI

STATE: KANO STATE

MY STORY

I want to say a very big thank you to the Voice of the Christians Martyrs for their love and care and also for free food, education, and shelter. I pray that God Almighty shall continue to bless them abundantly. My deepest gratitude goes to big uncle for creating time out of no time to see that everything about me is moving on well. May God continue to see him through all the days of his life.

My advice to my entire junior is that, they should always remember the son and daughter of whom they are, read hard and obey every single instruction that is given to them and never be disobedient.

It was not easy for me to start a vocational training but from the advice of my friends and other people, I summoned courage and I am now a distinct hair dresser and tailor.

Big thanks to the director and everyone that has contributed to my education.

I wish to study law in the University so that I may be able to bring justice to the nations of the world as God keeps on using me. Thanks a lot.



NAME: YAKUBU BULUS DAKAI
HOME ADDRESS: SAMBAR RIYOM L.G.A JOS

MY STORY

My name is Yakubu Bulus Dakai. I was born into a family of four girls and four boys. Unfortunately, I lost three of my brothers after my father's death and I am the only surviving son in my family.

It was on a Friday evening when we heard that the Muslims were attacking the nearby village so our king Dara Gyang called for a meeting with all the men in the village and discussed on how to rescue those people involved in order for them not to be defeated by the Muslims. The villagers were divided into three groups as the king ordered on how to help the village. My father was among those people that were chosen to defend the village.

It was around 7.30 p.m. when the attack started in the village and shooting of gun started till the next day. During the fighting, my father was killed.

Two days later, his corpse was nowhere to be found until the people of the village went in search of his corpse and they brought it down to the village and I saw with my own eyes. Following the death of my father, I thought that was the end of my education, but I thank God for the Voice of the Christian Martyrs that granted me scholarship to study in Abeokuta.



NAME: BULUS MANASSEH DALYOP

MY STORY

I came to Stephen Children Home on 10th September 2007. I am glad to be among those receiving free education and free accommodation here at the Stephen Children Home.

My father died during the 2001 riot in Plateau state. He died when I was 6 years old. He left behind my mum and two children. When I grew older, I asked my mum of my dad but she told me that he has traveled and he will soon be back. But as time went on, I discovered that she was hiding my father's death from us. Later, I discovered that he was killed in the crisis by a group of Muslims. But I am still waiting to meet him in the glorious kingdom of God.



He was a business man before his death, on his way back home he was told that the Muslim rioters have surrounded the whole city, so he joined the men who went out to guard the city but unfortunately, he was killed by those Muslims and that was the last time I saw my dad. My mummy went and collected the body that has been mutilated from the state hospital.

The bread winner of the family actually left us like that without leaving anything, but I'm so grateful to the Voice of the Christian Martyrs who rescued me, took me from where I was living and brought me to Abeokuta to receive free education. I pray that God will continue to strengthen the mission and those who have shielded us. God will never turn away His face

from your Presence. You shall reap the fruit of your labor. Thank you so much!!

I want to study economics in the higher institution and I pray for God's help.

NAME: PETER JESSICA KALURAN

MY STORY

My father died when I was 4 years old during the 2000 Zango Kataf riot in Kaduna State. I used to think that there was no longer hope for me. But just as the Bible says in the book of Jeremiah 29 verse 11 “for I know the plan that I have for you, they are plans of good and not of evil to give you a future and a hope”, I believe that I am having an helper who is able to see me through even to the very end, and that is Jesus Christ.

I want to say very big thanks to the Voice of the Christian Martyrs for their love, kindness and support towards me; I pray that God will continue to bless them abundantly. My sincere gratitude goes to our big uncle, Rev. Isaac Oluwole Newton Wusu for working hard to see that everything is put in place and moving on well. I also pray that God will reward him and crown his efforts in my life with success, may God continue to preserve him and God grant him long life with prosperity.



When I was told to join the vocational training, it was like an unpleasant exercise to me, but when I started, it became very interesting to me. Special thanks to the Voice of the Christian Martyrs for their support and care, may the Lord see them through in everything they do.

My advice to the junior ones to always remember the children of whom they are, they should represent the home they come from very well, and they should face their studies. They should obey all the set down rules and regulations of the school. I pray for success in their academics.

By the grace of God, when I get to the University, I wish to study micro biology and when I finish at the University; I would like to take care of children because that is my desire.

Thank you all.

NAME: CYANG SAMUEL BITRUS

STATE: PLATEAU

MY STORY

My father died during the 2001 riot in Plateau state, Jos. He was shot and died the next day and left my mother and three of us, two boys and a girl. I am the second born of the family. After his death, problems started for the family, especially for my mother. She started thinking of how to feed us and how to ensure the well being of the family. She was also worried about our education. Then, I had just finished my primary school and there was no money to further my education.

With no opportunity to continue education, I started learning a vocational skill. One day, as I went out and returned, my mother informed me that I will be going to school. I started wondering where she might have gotten the money to send me to school in another state.

But I thank God for the Voice of the Christian Martyrs for giving me free education. I also thank God for the director of Stephen Centre International for free clothing, shelter and food.

In addition, they have also given me free access to training like tailoring and computer skills and today I am a graduate of the secondary school in Stephen Centre international. Big thanks to God Almighty and big uncle and I pray that God shall bless him and his family.

By the special grace of the Almighty God, I will like to study business management / administration when I get to the university. After that, I will go in search for job so that I may be able to help other children who are in need.

Thank you all for your help and support, God bless you all.



NAME: GLORIA JAMES

STATE: KANO STATE

MY STORY

On May 11th 2004 during the religious crisis, when my dad was on his way coming back from work, he was killed by Islamic rioters. His dead body was not found till today

I want to appreciate the Stephen centre for the free education, shelter and feeding that I have received here. I pray that God will continue to help the Voice of the Christian Martyrs and meet them at every point of their needs.

I want to appreciate the hostel staff for taking good care of me and making me whom I am today. Very big thanks to the Voice of the Christian Martyrs and the director of Stephen Centre for their support, love and care towards the persecuted Christians. May God crown their efforts with success.

I will love to study Accountancy in higher institution by God's grace.

My advice to the younger students is that they should concentrate and be serious with their education and they should also know the children of whom they are and the family they came from.



NAME: MIRACLE SIMON NWAFORCHA

STATE: BAUCHI STATE

MY STORY

It all started when we came together to pray. My mum told us to pray because she dreamt that something like war will happen. We prayed and we left the house. We arrived at school but later we were told to go home. We all ran to our different homes for refuge.



Our dad came to look for us in school but he couldn't find us, he went to our mother's shop yet he couldn't find us. When he was coming out our Muslim neighbor stabbed him and it affected his kidney. He was taken to the hospital for surgery. When it was time for him to be taken in for the surgery the rioters came in and killed everyone including my dad.

Thanks to GOD Almighty for taking care of me and my family. I was later brought to Stephen Centre to receive free education, feeding and accommodation.

I am grateful to the Voice of the Christian Martyrs for their kind gesture. May GOD bless you all and also our big uncle.

My advice to the junior ones is to be obedient and face their studies.

I will like to become a lawyer by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Pastors' Appreciation - JOS



PASTORS' APPRECIATION— PLATEAU STATE

Pastor Mandung—COCIN

My name is Pastor Mandung, and on behalf of the beneficiaries of today's distribution we say thank you. We are really overwhelmed by this great consideration and wonderful gifts. We appreciate these things so much because they are not easy to come by here. The DVD and the Radio to me are answered prayers because I have personally been asking God for them. I pray that God will bless you.

For coming from so far to come and encourage us in the work that we are doing seems to me like we are in a partnership venture. May the fire you have come to kindle keep burning in us.

We are also calling on other organisations in the other parts of Nigeria to arise and assist us because the Christians in the North are in great need. It will be good for all Christians in this country to work together regardless of denomination and tribe. With all of us working together under the banner of Jesus Christ the gospel will make better progress. We are really encouraged that people will come from New Zealand, Australia and Holland to the "hot zone" in Nigeria, this gesture is really overwhelming. We invite other Christian in Nigeria to emulate this kind gesture that you have shown to humanity. All other Christian bodies worldwide should also come to our aid and see this also as part of Christian service.



Pastor Musa

Fellowship with Faith Christian Mission here in Jos. I am a missionary and I work in the villages with the Fulanis, the Muslim communities and other tribes. What has happened here today is a very great encouragement to the Pastors especially the ones in the rural area. We are passing through difficulties, apart from the challenges we face with regards to the religious crises.

There are a lot of challenges out there in the field for those preaching the gospel at this time. The message I have for the preachers in Nigeria is that we should unite. Let us come together and preach the gospel; we have only one mandate which is preaching the gospel and reaching out to the lost souls.

Perhaps what we are facing today is because we have not given attention to evangelising the Muslim community, now they have increased in number and they are fighting us.

Nevertheless, I urge all Christians to unite and come out with one voice on evangelism: reaching out to the lost souls that are in the villages. There are many villages today that don't have churches, many people want to come to the Lord but we don't have the means to evangelise and disciple them. For example, we have Muslims and Fulanis today turning to the Lord, some are being driven from their houses and being denied certain privileges. So when these new converts come to us there are no means of keeping them and maintaining them and this has become a great challenge for us.



I want to appeal that if the government cannot protect the church, the churches in Nigeria should unite. Those in the south should not think that this massacre of Christians in the name of religion is a northern problem. It increases our hurts and our problems as Christians to be alienated by our brethren. Christians are one and Jesus came to die for us. We are true Christians here in the North, we are not unbelievers. It is unimaginable that help is coming from our foreign (whites) brethren, is it that they are the only ones touched with our story and have come all the way from their country here to come and encourage us?

Meanwhile we have our brothers down in the South with resources to touch lives, to help the people or encourage the ministers here in the North yet they have done nothing. We have been marginalised here in the north and this makes our challenge even bigger. So I feel that as Christians, we should unite and let us see ourselves as brothers. What we have received here has greatly encouraged us, we really thank God for your support and your physical presence to encourage us, and I pray that this will in turn, encourage us to do more than we have done already.

PASTORS' APPRECIATION— PLATEAU STATE

Rev Thoma—Assemblies of God

My name is **Rev Thoma**, I am an indigene of Plateau State Nigeria, and a Pastor with The Assemblies of God Church in Jos. I'm happy with what has happened today, it is heart touching. These are brethren that have come all the way from Europe, Australia and New Zealand to come and express their concern as a result of the crises we are facing here in Nigeria, I am deeply touched.

While they are distributing these things, my thoughts wandered far: I know that God has blessed us with a lot of mineral resources, Nigeria is rich, God has also entrusted many people with money and they are using the money to build houses both home and abroad. They are lucky to live in parts of the country where they are not experiencing the challenges we are facing here. I know that crises



and tribulation is a global thing and every believer is meant to face it, but ours here in the North is very unique, particularly here in Plateau state where people are being killed or being maimed and their limbs being cut off incessantly. What goes on in some of the villages are horrible they can cause one to weep. We witness these things constantly; the situation is bad.

Since this gathering is for pastors alone, I want seize this opportunity to let our brethren know that there are so many pastors who cannot send their children to school, because of the dangers on their mission field. They cannot send their children and wards to other places that are not crises prone because they do not have the resources. I really wish that our brethren in the East and South of Nigeria can sponsor some of these pastors' and believers' children because the situation here is very challenging. I want to remind us, that these pastors are endangering their lives to preach the gospel. I pray that God will send Pastors who have the compassion of the Holy Spirit to come and assist by channelling their resources to educate these children. Earthly things like posh cars, sky scrapers and other luxuries that Pastors now indulge in are not the best things to invest in. The Bible says we

should store our wealth in heaven where moth and thieves cannot corrupt.

I want to let our brethren know that there are so many pastors who cannot send their children to school, because of the dangers on their mission field. They cannot send their children and wards to other places that are not crises prone because they do not have the resources

Rev. Ishaku

We thank God for the opportunity He has given us, to come here and witness as well as partake of the gifts they have brought for us. We really thank the coordinator and other members that came from different parts of the world to encourage us with what they have brought which will help us in the propagation of the gospel in our mission fields and various ministries.

We must confess that we are not finding things easy especially where we live now. I believe it is only your prayers that have been keeping us in that place. We plead with you to keep on praying for us.

Two day ago, a village close to ours was attacked and burnt down completely by the Fulani herdsmen. The security situation is very challenging and to get back home any time after 4p.m. is very risky. They security personnel posted by the Federal Government are the one aggravating the situation. They are meant to be protecting us but they turn around and kill us. It is only God that will sustain us please keep praying for us. We pray that as you return home, God will take back home safely. We appreciate what they have been doing for us. May the Almighty God reward them.



Pastors', Appreciation

March 2013

Over 350 pastors attended the Pastors Appreciation program in Gombe. They came from various Local Governments within the state.

Each pack contained an MP3 player of audio Bible in Hausa, a DVD player with a DVD of a movie on Jesus: He Lived Among Us. (It would be very useful in village outreach) Also included was a Bible, a torch and rain boots which elicited much joy. Because of the bushy terrain, snake bite was common amongst the people. The rain boots provided sufficient protection from snake bite while making it easy for them to plod through the muddy countryside during the rainy season on evangelism or visitation.

The distribution was witnessed by seven foreign nationals from Holland, Australia and New Zealand.

Appreciation goes to the foreign donors who made the distribution possible.



DISTRIBUTION FOR PASTORS IN GOMBE

Bishop Zakari Yusuf

My name is Bishop John Zakare Yusuf, I am a Bishop of the First Africa Church Mission in Gombe state.

What the Lord has done today is very great and I want to appreciate God for Voice of Christian Martyrs. When Jesus was here on earth He went about doing good, I want to say that these people have aligned themselves with what Jesus did when He was here on earth. And I also want the world to know that this is how we can preach Christ - if we can reach the poor and help those that need our help as Christians that is the gospel.

I want to encourage Christians about the situation in our country Nigeria that they should stand firm. We should keep on trusting God, and we believe that God has His own reason for allowing this to happen. At the end of the day He is going to do that which will glorify His name. I also want to pray for our leaders, that God in His sovereign way will open their eyes so that they will serve these people very well. I also want to encourage us that as Christians, we must pray fervently for the unity and prosperity of this country.



REV. Enoch O. Ade

My name is Rev Enoch, a pastor with The Covenant Evangelical Mission, in Gombe State. Where we minister, the Gombe Muslims and Fulanis are the predominant inhabitants. We thank God for the VOCM, we have heard about them, and this is not their first time of coming to visit us and encourage us. We are impressed with what they have done for us today by giving us the Hausa version of the Holy Bible which will help us in the work we are doing. The indigenes as well as the Pastors will benefit from it. We also received MP3, this will enable us to listen to Christian music and Christian messages and this is very impressive. The MP3 is a viable tool in the various villages where we are, because there is no light. The MP3 will help our work in the village to move on progressively.



The boots we received will help us walk through the sandy terrain of our mission fields. We received Christian literatures too that will help to build our spiritual life.

On behalf of everybody that has benefited from the VOCM, we say a very big thank you.

We are extending our gratitude to our brethren that came all the way from Australia, New Zealand and Holland. I personally promise that what we have received today, the DVD, MP3, Boots, Bible etc, we will use it to propagate the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. If the Lord tarries, our unborn children will hear about these things that they have done today.

We also appreciate Rev. Isaac and his team for the work they are doing. I have heard of VOCM before, but today, I have not only seen and heard, I have become

a partaker of what the VOCM is all about. God bless them.

Pastor Ejiniyi Thomas

My name is Pastor Ejiniyi Thomas. I am into missions in the rural area with The Christ Ambassador Ministries. I was amazed the moment I saw and heard that the boots on the table, were going to be given to the Pastors. It gladdened my heart because during the rainy season, I will now be able to walk through the area we have been called to work for God. I appreciate God from the depth of my heart especially for the rain boots I got today.

I am also happy about the MP3, it will enable us to play the bible to the villagers who cannot read, so they can hear the Word of God over and over again. It can be used to promote the work especially where the Pastor cannot personally disciple the converts.

I am challenged that they can even think about a gadget like this, it is very encouraging. I pray that God will continue to use VOCM and their team for what they have done and are doing. We are grateful. The people who are working in the interior will appreciate this gift and I pray that God will help us to use it effectively to add to His kingdom.



DISTRIBUTION FOR PASTORS IN GOMBE

Pastor Alfred

This is one donor agency that is affecting the lives of leaders here in Gombe and they are still affecting the lives of people in Gombe. A lot of people come to identify with us after almost after every attack, but after they come and take records we don't see them again. So I want to say VOCCM is a donor agency with action, that is the name I want to give to them and we pray that God will bless them.



The Bible talks about a woman called Dorcas, after she died, people came and were talking about what she did for them. We will not forget what VOCCM is doing in Gombe, we are so grateful. What they are doing is Godly and scriptural; we pray that God will continue to bless them and enlarge their coast.

We appreciate their coming and we really enjoy the fellowship we have together.

What has been distributed today is really significant because the boot represents moving out for evangelism, the torch signifies the light and the DVD from which the people can hear the Word of God. I want to say in our villages, people don't have this kind of things and by the time our rural pastors go back with their DVD and slot in the CD of Jesus of Nazareth, it is going to affect their lives. So we are saying thank you very much for that.

Rev Bulama

My name is Rev Bulama and I am the General Secretary of CAN Gombe State and the Pastor of Good News Baptist Church, Gombe State.

We must first and foremost appreciate God. Today is another day of great celebration among the Christian community in Gombe. The VOCCM have come this time around to empower the pastors and equip them with what they need for the propagation of the gospel.

You know that most of these pastors come from the rural areas where they experience a lot of challenges. One of the greatest problems we have especially in the southern part of Gombe is that there are lots of snakes. Snake bite is one of the factors that restrict pastors from preaching the gospel in that area. With the rain boots alone, every Pastor is comfortable enough to go out to preach the gospel during the day or night and during dry or rainy seasons. These gifts have really encouraged them; the MP3 player, DVD and the Bible. Now they have all they need for the propagation of the gospel and I tell you, in no distant time, the issue of propagating the gospel in Gombe State will take a new dimension.



Rev Adams Boyi



My name is Rev Adams. I am the assistant CAN Secretary in Gombe State. As a pastor, I am seeing passion and concern from VOCCM for the Christians that are being persecuted in the North especially here in Gombe State. They are actually playing the role of the church and I wish that other Christian organisations will take a cue from what VOCCM is doing. The moment something happens to a Christian brother in terms of persecution, Christians should quickly come to their aid.

Christians should not respond like government to persecution crisis. Most of the aids of the government are only for public relations.

But since I have come to know VOCCM about three years ago, they have been consistent in sending relief materials and coming in person to encourage and give material and physical things to people and the churches that are affected by the crises.

Widows Of Martyrs

HUSBANDS KILLED IN FEBRUARY 2013

Naomi Adamu

This incident occurred on the 22nd of Feb 2013. My husband was shot in a town called Bagadaza. Some unknown gun men came and attacked him and some other men. When they were shot by these gunmen some of them died immediately but he did not die on the spot; we rushed him to the hospital where he was receiving treatment until we eventually lost him.

Since his death, I have been facing a lot of difficulties. He was the breadwinner in the family and most of the things he does for us are now left undone because he is gone. He has left me with the children.

He was the only Christian, not just in his family, but even in his entire village, a place in Yobe State. Honestly, we are facing trying times now because I am a widow and my children have become fatherless. I am not only physically stressed, but there is the fear and concern about the future of my children. The reason is that his Muslim siblings can suddenly decide to come and take the children away because they are their blood.

I am therefore requesting that my Christian brethren pray for me, that this should not cross the mind of his relatives to take the children away from me. No matter what it will cost me, I don't want to be separated from these children; I want them to be with me so that I can cater for them.



Victoria Hama Baba

My husband was also shot on 22nd February, 2013. He died instantly after he was shot. I did not see him before he died on that fateful day of 22nd Feb. 2013 when he was shot in Bagadaza, Christian area in Gombe.

His death has thrown me into serious worry especially when I think about our relationship. My husband was very close to me and he used to encourage me to attend church programmes and he strengthened me in the faith. I just got pregnant when he was killed and presently, I am four months pregnant. I covet the prayers of the brethren all over the world and support from VOCM. I am facing difficulties and I am also facing challenges from his siblings.

Please pray for me that my faith will be strengthened.

Please contact Rev. Isaac if you are interested in assisting these widows.
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Nigerian Christians Challenge Me

International Director, VOMedical

How is VOMedical Organized?

We have two directors for Voice of the Christian Martyrs medical. My partner takes care of the Central Asia Republic and part of the Middle East. I concentrate on Africa and part of the Middle East. Both of us are full time physicians in the United States but we spend our vacation working with the persecuted Christians around the world.

It is clear that the tide of Christian persecution in the world has flowed to Nigeria, so, we have a lot of work to do in this country. Many people are killed and injured in this country because of their faith.

You know, it may sound funny for a doctor to say this, but I think praying with them is the most important thing that we do.

How do you see your ministry in Nigeria?

We consider that what we do is small but a very great privilege to heal the wounds of our brethren. In doing that, we demonstrate to them that their brethren from all over the world know what is happening to them and they are willing to stand by them, not just for the short term, but for as long as this crisis exists.

Our ministry in VOMedical is a very practical ministry. We get our patients to the hospitals that we have established relationships with, based on trust, and we ensure that we pay the medical bill. This is very important because many of these victims are poor and they do not have the means to pay the huge medical and surgical bills. Apart from the physical and practical aspect of our work, we also realize that our ministry is spiritual. I always try to pray with all my patients in addition to treating them. I believe that I should pray with them because that opens up the avenue for God to intervene. We must always remember who is in charge, it is not us, it is God.

It also sends a message to our patients that we are not just foreign doctors but we are fellow believers and brethren like they are. I have discovered that praying with the victims of these persecution is very encouraging to them.

You know, it may sound funny for a doctor to say this, but I think praying with them is the most important thing that we do.

Do you have many patients?

I think we must have treated over one hundred and fifty patients since we started coming to Nigeria in 2010. They come mostly from northern Nigeria from places like Kano, Kaduna, Maiduguri, Jos, and from Dogo Nahawa, after the massacre there. We see a lot of injuries caused by roadside bombing, car bomb, bombing of churches, AK47 rifle injuries, machete cut, and so on.

Unfortunately, many of the patients who have severe head injuries, or chest and abdomen injuries do not make it to the hospital. Most of the survivors have arm and leg injuries. Because of this, most of the time, we provide evaluation for orthopaedic treatment, for plastic surgeries, eye injuries, burn injuries and so on. Our work in Nigeria is greatly made easy by the support team that we have on the ground. The VOMedical fulltime staff are simply wonderful. Because they understand the terrain and the culture, they know where to find the patients, enable them to get to the hospital and they keep a healthy working relationship with the doctors and the hospitals that we use.

Because of their dedication, we find it easy to render accounts to the donors in the U.S. We stress accountability in the Voice of Martyrs because our donors gave us money in good faith and they expect us to be accountable. We also ensure that we do not delay the payment of the bill of our patients so that the hospitals

We also need more support, particularly from Nigeria. Christian doctors in Nigeria should get involved in rendering service to the persecuted Christians and more Christians should donate to the cost of treating them.

working with us can continue to render prompt service to patients that we bring.

Are the donors from the United States only?

We benefit from having donors all over the world who give money generously and they also pray for us. Each time I make a trip to Nigeria, the brethren back home pray for me and

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We are certain that we shall be more effective if have we sources of support from Nigeria. I was told that many of the Christian brethren in Nigeria are unaware of the level of



persecution in the North of Nigeria. I hope that as they hear the stories and watch the videos, they will be burdened to help the persecuted brethren.

What is your impression about Christians in northern Nigeria?

Two things amaze me about the persecuted Christians in northern Nigeria.

The first is their courage. I have seen so many patients who have been threatened with death unless they renounce their faith, and they chose to die rather than deny Christ. Second, and equally amazing, is their unique gift of forgiveness. When I ask my Nigerian patients, “what if we catch the man that did this to you — the man who cut you with the machete, killed your husband, killed your wife, what if the culprit is arrested by the Police or the military and brought to this room, what will you say to that man?”

The Nigerian Christians always say the same thing, “I forgive them, because that is what I have been called to do”.

As an American, I find that very extraordinary. I think Nigerian Christians cleave closely to the nature of Christ in their courage and in their forgiveness and that is one of the blessings I take home through taking care of these patients. Each time I come to Nigeria, it still surprises and astonishes me how forgiving my Nigerian brothers and sisters are.

Since you are not always around, what happens when you are away?

I think our greatest need for medical provision is for “first responders”. One of my objectives as VOMedical Director is to teach people, and teach them to teach others,

what to do whenever there is an emergency. People should know what to do if there is a bomb blast, or fire, or mass casualties. Using simple medical knowledge and medical techniques, more lives can be saved. Unfortunately, many patients die on the way to the hospital because of bleeding from arms or legs. That problem can be fixed with simple measures like tourniquet.

We had a session in the North in January to train people simple safety and security measures. How do you secure your immediate environment and how to become a first responder.

As a doctor, I pray that no one will die in these attacks when he could have been saved by a simple medical procedure.

Therefore, I am in support of equipping more people with necessary training to become first responders. I believe that God expects us to use our hands and brains as tools to save others.

Do you think the situation will get better soon?

As Christians, we need to pray that it will not get worse. From what is on the ground, we may be getting more patients. Therefore, as a doctor, the practical side in me says to make arrangement for more facilities to treat people and train more people to provide medical treatment. We hope for the best, but we should prepare for the worst. Therefore, we must have a back-up plan.

We also need more support, particularly from Nigeria. Christian doctors in Nigeria should get involved in rendering service to the persecuted Christians and more Christians should donate to the cost of treating them.

Whenever I tell the patients, “we will pray with you and take care of your physical injuries. You do not need to worry about the hospital bill because thousands of Christians have contributed money to pay for the treatment.” You can see the relief on their faces. I hope that we can sustain this ministry for the years to come.

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GO NORTH

On 13th June, 2013, a select group of Christians from various denominations gathered at the Lagos office of Calvary Ministries (**CAPRO**) to prayerfully consider the challenges facing the Church in northern Nigeria as well as in North Africa.

The Conference acknowledged that the purpose of God is that the Church must head North. It also consented that the inability to **GO NORTH**, has been one of the factors responsible for the inhuman persecution of Christians in the region.

As a result of the Conference, the following **ACTION PLANS** are proposed for consideration and implementation by each Christian assembly and fellowship.

ACTION PLANS

PRAYERS

Christian assemblies must embark on intentional and consistent prayers for the North of Nigeria and North Africa for the gospel to breakthrough and for every power and work of Satan resisting the gospel of Jesus Christ to be destroyed. Matt. 16: 18; 1 John 3: 8.

Christian assemblies should mobilize consistent prayers for the suffering Christians in the North of Nigeria for divine protection, provision and boldness to maintain the faith in purity and good conscience.

Prayers must be mobilized that every form of plan and agenda that conflict with the purpose of the Almighty God for northern Nigeria in particular, and Nigeria in general must be nullified in the name of Jesus.

MOBILIZATION

Each local assembly should dedicate one Sunday in the month for missions ministrations to keep members of the church well informed and mobilized to focus on the unfinished task in the North. The monthly missions Sunday can be handled by the Church or in collaboration with any mission agencies that have work on the ground in the North. (contact Go North organizers-□ NEMA & CAPRO for more details) It is important that each local assembly partner with a missions agency.local assembly partner with a missions agency.

Members of the congregation should be encouraged to GO NORTH. This may be in form of short term visitation or retreat so that the brethren can be fully aware of the gospel requirement in the North.

It is crucial that at least once in a year, the team of ministers in each local assembly should visit a mission field in the North. The leadership in each local assembly must carry this burden for it to be adopted by the members of the congregation.

The vision of missions must be shared regularly in the youth church as well as in the children's church to ensure that the next generation of Christians remains committed to the Lord. Each local assembly must be consumed with passion for the next generation to be more committed to the Lord than this present generation is.

The atrocities committed against Christians in the North must not be shielded from Christian youths and children. The next generation must be fully informed and be adequately prepared to handle challenges of the Christian faith.

SUPPORT

Each local assembly should prayerfully adopt an unreached group or a mission field in the North and support the mission field and its laborers with prayers, materials, funding, and encouragement.

Christian assemblies should seek and stand by churches and missions agencies that need infrastructure to train disciples in the North and support them. In certain areas of the North, like Dutse in Jigawa, and Maiduguri in Borno, the tempo of evangelism was slowed down because once a Muslim is converted, he must be relocated. The gospel workers in such areas are often hindered due to inability to relocate new converts.

Each local assembly should support the suffering church in the North. Support should be mobilized in meaningful terms for ministers of the gospel in the North, the widows, the maimed and disabled, the fatherless as well as the orphans. (www.stephensng.com)

In addition to the missions support offering that shall be taken on the monthly MISSIONS SUNDAY, each local assembly should devote a percentage of its total monthly receiving to support missions. *"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"*. A separate account should be established for the Great Commission and all its funds should remain exclusively for this purpose. As a suggestion, each local assembly could decide to pay "tithe" to the Great Commission.



a BURDEN

FOR THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Senior Prosthetic Specialist

I understand the risks involved with coming to northern Nigeria, particularly at this time, but the burden to minister to my brethren suffering persecution compelled me to come from the United States. My heart is burdened for them and I desire greatly to minister to them. I am happy that God opened a door for us to be able to do that through the Voice of the Christian Martyrs.

We are aware that a lot of work is involved in ministering to the victims of these various attacks, therefore, we are embarking on a training program so that Nigerians can take over this work. Presently, we are working with five individuals and we hope that from among them we shall be able to raise two or three young men who shall be trained to be professionals in the field of prosthetic. Our objective is that in a few years time, these trainees shall be able to minister to the needy people here.

We pray that as we train these young men, they will also be able to show the same mercy and kindness that we are setting forth as an example in this field.

The services we are offering are for free. These include the components as well as the professional fee. If we are to do this in the United States, it should go for a lot of thousands of dollars. But, we do it here for free as a service to the Lord. Of course, we have had to raise more help from the United States and many people contributed in various ways. Some people donated the components that we use while others assisted in other ways. From our practice, we also put in a lot of efforts to get this free service across to the victims of these attacks.

This work is continual as we have to come back in about three years to repair some components and replace parts that need replacement. That is all the more reason why we need Nigerian youths who will develop a burden for this work so that the beneficiaries can receive help at all times.

We thank God for the opportunity to be able to render this service and we pray that we shall be able to raise men who shall continue with the work locally.

I want to encourage the Nigerian church that this situation is for a short time and it will pass.



WE ARE MOTIVATED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Asst. Prosthetics Specialist

We run this business in the United States, but we are here in Nigeria because of the love of Christ. The Lord commanded us that whatever we do for these ones, we do it for Him. We regard our service here as an incredible opportunity to minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The basic motivating factor for our being here in Nigeria at this time is the love of Christ.

Since we have been coming here, this is our second trip, we have been encouraged by the resilience and the courage of the Christians here in northern Nigeria. Their courage has given me a conviction that I should do more for the Lord and serve Him more.

Of course, we are not unaware of the risks involved in coming here at this time, but we are not afraid. The risks we are taking is the same as the risks taken by true Christians in all history. We have peace through the Spirit of God to do this ministry, so we are not afraid.

We expect to come regularly to Nigeria because the prosthetic will last for about three years after which it must undergo minor repairs and replacement of some parts. To compensate for the period that we shall not be in the country, we are training some young men who shall continue with the work in our absence. Fortunately, the trainees are very excited to learn and we hope that they will learn for all of Nigerian, especially the northern Nigeria. We hope that they will be able to minister to many other people, not only for the victims of Christian persecution. As a matter of fact, we expect them to minister to Christians and Muslims alike. We hope to fulfil the scriptures that teach us to bless our enemies and do good to those that persecute us.



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The Prosthetic Team

Nicodemus Ado Baggi-Bawa

After the conclusion of my secondary education, I left Stephens Children Home in August, 2010, to Minna in Niger state, to proceed with my University education in Urban and Regional Planning.

In December 2012, I had the opportunity of visiting the Stephen's Children Home and while there, the Director asked me to join the prosthetic training team. I have never heard of prosthetic before; I wondered what it was. Due to some logistics problems, we arrived late for the training therefore we could not witness the casting of the artificial leg as well as the measurement of the natural leg.

The first stage in prosthetics is the casting and it is the first and most important stage. This is when the shape of the amputated leg will be taken, whether it is below or above the knee using a special medical POP. The artificial leg must be of the same size as the natural one.

After casting, the mould needs to be produced using the normal POP plaster to get a solid mould that will be modified and then laminated to get a socket which will fit into the leg. During the modification the rough edges are smoothed. Allowance is provided for the muscles (rectus femora) and the ischial tuberosity bone, when it is an amputation above the knee for proper fitting of the device to avoid it from turning when pressure is being applied when the patient is walking.



Modification is the next stage that seems to be the most challenging,

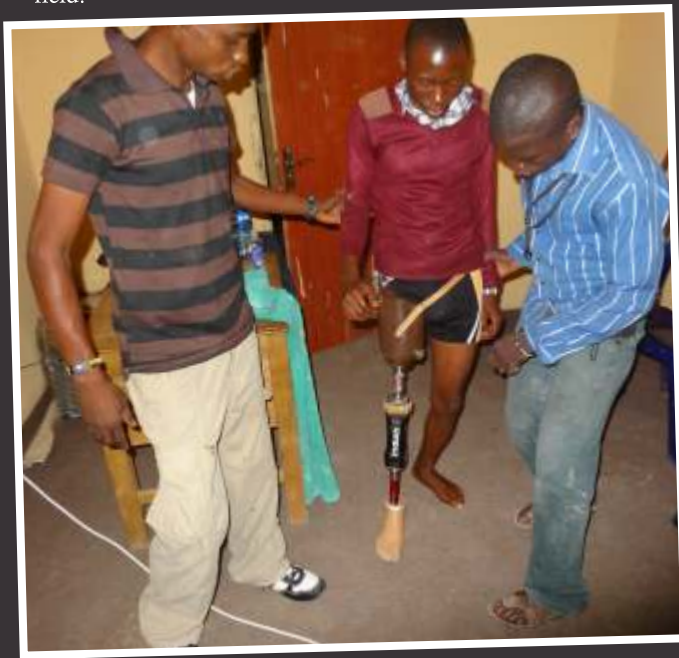
For patients with amputations below the knee, after modification, the next step in the process is making the cushioning which is done by getting the circumference of the mould and putting the measurement on paper to get the shape of the material used for cushioning.

Lamination is the end of the process. During lamination carbon fibre and a clothing material is used to give the socket strength and rigidity, and a special bag PVA is used to make it smooth. Laminating resin is the major chemical used here with hardening powder which serves as the catalyst. A colouring pigment is also applied to give it a desired colour and it is allowed to dry and set.

When the socket is finally ready, the foot and the iron rod which serves as the tibia and fibula are fixed to the socket and properly tightened to ensure safety.

The just concluded training early this month (June 2013) brought so many things to our knowledge and we were exposed to more advanced technology in the field of prosthetic. We were also exposed to how the upper limbs prosthetic functions, which I believe we shall learn more about on subsequent training.

I enjoyed every stage of the training process and I was beginning to feel that if I was exposed to the process before finishing my secondary school I could have gone for the full time training. Nevertheless, I still hope that after my B.TECHURP, I would love to embark on further training in the field.



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POST ELECTION VIOLENCE

QUESTIONABLE COMPENSATION

(Culled from an article written by Uche Igwe in Punch of 8th May, 2013)

However, I must commend President Goodluck Jonathan for the N5.7bn released to the victims of the 2011 electoral violence. We were told that it was in partial fulfilment of the recommendations of the Sheik Lemu report. The beneficiaries are as follows: Bauchi State — N1,574,870,000; Sokoto — N55,888,506; Zamfara – N93,253,485; Niger — N433,375,875; Jigawa - N208,667,634; Katsina – N1,973,209,440; Kano - N944827, 000, Adamawa -N420,089, 840 and Akwa Ibom – N43,504,000.

As I look through these rather fascinating figures, several questions keep agitating my mind. Only three of them will suffice noting here: Who can we describe as the real victims of the violence? What are the other recommendations of the Sheik Lemu Report? Why has the President chosen to revisit the matter two years after?

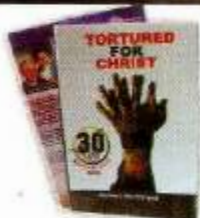
An online dictionary defines a victim as “someone who was harmed, injured, or killed as a result of crime, accident or the event or action”. Assuming that the intention is to channel these funds to the “real victims”, who are they referring to? Take it or leave it, given our not being good at keeping records in Nigeria, the number of victims of that violence may never be known. Many of them are dead and forgotten. The first set of targets was the National Youth Service Corps members. Then an uncountable number of churches were burnt just as many worshippers in these churches were killed. More than 200,000 people of Southern Nigeria extraction especially Ndigbo were reported to have been forced to abandon their businesses and properties and run back home to the South-East. As in a typical war

situation, they have been roaming the country as refugees. Some of them could not even make it back to their home states alive. Others still live in churches and barracks as I write. Few properties belonging to a handful of politicians and traditional rulers in the North who were allegedly supportive of the President were also reportedly burnt but none of them was killed. What about victims in other states such as Kaduna, Plateau and Nasarawa? Should we not exercise caution and take a holistic view in determining those who this compensation is (should be) meant for?

No one can question the prerogative of the President to implement any part of the Sheik Lemu Report that he deems fit. But, the report urged the security agencies to fish out the perpetrators of the violence for prosecution. It also recommended the establishment of a Special Election Offences Tribunal. On the day of the submission of the report, the Chairman of the Committee specifically blamed Maj.-Gen. Muhammadu Buhari (retd.) for allegedly making comments that triggered the violence. Buhari was quoted as saying that his supporters must come out and “guard” their votes. Apart from Buhari, Mallam Adamu Ciroma and Alhaji Lawal Kaita were quoted in the media as having said that the North would make Nigeria “ungovernable” for Jonathan if he emerged from that election as the President of Nigeria. So, what other evidence is the President waiting for? What about all the culprits who were arrested perpetrating various acts of destruction during the violence? Why have they not been charged to court or have they been surreptitiously released?

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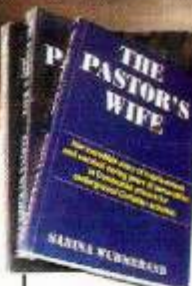
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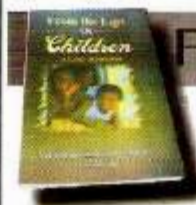
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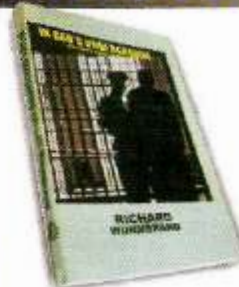
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A TRIBUTE

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Bro. Mark Ojunta

Bro. Mark Ojunta abandoned a lucrative career in the banking sector to lay hold on that for which Christ Jesus laid hold on him.

He enrolled with CAPRO, the outstanding indigenous mission agency, and worked in a remote village in the North East part of Nigeria. Before he was killed by Boko Haram militants, he was the field leader coordinating CAPRO's outreach to the un-reached Kotoko clan in Borno State.

The Kotokos traditionally are Muslims and would naturally have been opposed to the gospel but God however, opened doors of opportunity to befriend and reach out to them in the last few years. Bro. Mark moved in among the Kotoko people and became a fluent speaker of the language.

When the Boko Haram crisis started, all the missionaries in the area were on their hit-list to be eliminated. Immediately this information became known, all the missionaries were evacuated to another safe location. Bro. Mark evacuated his family and all but one member of staff with the plan to join them as soon as possible, but this was not to be.

That evening, the Boko Haram militants came hunting for the missionaries and sent Mark into the waiting hands of the Master whom he loved so much that he risked his life to serve His people. Bro. Mark left behind a wife and two children. One is age 3 years and the other 9 months as of the time he returned home.

He was a young man and he stayed three years longer than the Lord Jesus did on planet earth. He has fought a good fight and has finished his course. The rest is over to you and me.

When Peace

Left The Land

He refused to leave

C.A.N. SECRETARY MURDERED BY BOKO HARAM

As we approached the venue of the distribution of Christmas gifts to Christian children in Maiduguri in 2012, we kept passing military posts fully equipped to withstand assault. The entire environment was sparsely populated and the few people we saw on the road were in haste while furtively looking in every direction as if expecting danger. The fear was palpable and there was tension in the atmosphere. It was clear that peace had left the land. In the midst of the desolation, we suddenly saw a man standing right in the middle of the wide expanse of land, wearing purple kaftan and waving to our vehicle and showing us the direction to follow. It was Rev. Faye Pama, the Secretary of the Christian Association of Nigeria in Borno State.

Rev. Pama insisted that we should drive right inside the premises that was used for the distribution so that there will be no tell tale signal for the insurgents. Apparently noticing the anxious looks on our faces, he assured us that he had personally met the security personnel to maintain vigilance. The entire perimeter was surrounded by combined forces of the military and anti-riot policemen.

The distribution of Christmas gifts for the children, business support funds for widows, as well as motor cycles for pastors, (everything sponsored by Christians in foreign countries), went without hitch. In fact inside the premises, the atmosphere was calm and serene as if Boko Haram was not in town.

During the course of the program, I had an opportunity to have a short discussion with Rev. Pama. I was curious to know why he still remained in Maiduguri? I had earlier been informed that over thirty churches have closed down in the city and everyone, including the pastors, have relocated to other parts of the country. In fact, the venue of the program used to belong to a church. They sold it to CAN and everyone left Borno state - including the pastors.

Rev. Pama said, "The Lord called us to serve Him here, so I am not leaving. The Lord called us to serve our people and we shall remain here."

Even though Rev. Pama is from Michika in Adamawa State, he remained in Maiduguri until Tuesday 14th May, 2013, when Boko Haram militants invaded his house and shot him to death, just a few moments before President Jonathan announced the state of emergency in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe states, the same day.

He died a gallant soldier of the cross who did not abandon his post.

Rest in peace, faithful servant of the Lord.



Rev. Faye Pama Musa

How Can The Church Arise

When We Insist On Sitting Down?

They killed them in Maiduguri
I didn't talk 'cos I'm not from Maiduguri

They killed them in Damaturu
I didn't talk 'cos I'm not from Damaturu

They killed them in Gombe
I didn't talk 'cos I'm not from Gombe

They killed them in Kaduna
I didn't talk 'cos I'm not from Kaduna

They killed them in Jos
I didn't talk 'cos I'm not from Jos

WHEN they kill them in Lagos
*There will be no one left to speak for
me*



Nathan Wali shot with AK-47
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Jn. 13: 35

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