



GLOBAL PRAYER

July 25, 2010

More deadly attacks on Christians in Nigeria -- Muslims attacked the predominately Christian village of Mazzah, near the city of Jos, on July 17, **killing eight** people and burning seven houses and a church building. At approximately 1:30 a.m., Muslims entered the village and began shooting sporadically in the air to lure sleeping residents outside their homes. They then attacked people with machetes, including children. Seven were killed instantly, while another died on the way to the hospital. Three others were seriously injured. During the attack, Reverend Nuhu Dawat of the Church of Christ in Nigeria escaped with one of his children, but his wife and two other children were killed. His grandson, Nanfa, was shot in the foot, thrown in a bathroom and left to die. Fortunately, he was found by the police and taken to hospital, where he is recuperating well. Villagers claim that although the security forces were called and arrived in time to quell the violence, they waited until the attack had ended before entering Mazah. The area is currently reported to be "quiet but tense." Some residents have fled the area in fear of further violence. The attack followed recent clashes in eastern Nigeria in which eight people were also killed and several buildings torched. Some observers say the violent attacks are the result of religion being exploited in the struggle for local power. There is also fear that such conflict could increase in the run up to elections expected early next year.

Two Christians murdered after accusations of blasphemy in Pakistan -- **Rev. Rashid Emmanuel (32)** and his younger brother, **Sajid Emmanuel (30)**, were shot and killed on July 19 after they were accused of blaspheming the prophet Muhammad. The two men, leaders of United Ministries Pakistan, were being returned to jail under police custody when they were attacked and shot by several masked men. Sajid was instantly killed, while Rashid later died from his injuries. The bodies of the two reportedly bore cuts and other signs of being tortured while in police custody. Rashid was arrested for blasphemy on July 1 at a train station, where he went to meet with a stranger who had requested to see him. When Rashid arrived he was surrounded by police, who showed him copies of a three-page document that insulted Muhammad and was supposedly signed by Rashid and Sajid. Police arrested Sajid three days later. On July 14, handwriting experts notified police that the signatures on the blasphemous document did not match the brothers' writing. Sources believe the brothers were likely to be exonerated of the charges. When news of the murder reached the brothers' neighborhood of Dawood Nagar, Faisalabad, Christians gathered to protest. Police fired teargas cannons at the protestors, who in turn threw stones. The situation quickly became volatile, with indiscriminate shooting occurring between Christians and Muslims. At last report, a curfew had been initiated in the area. In the days before the murder, Muslims organized large demonstrations calling for the death penalty for the brothers. Islamic extremists reportedly led the protests, which were attended by hundreds of Muslims. A church building was damaged and believers hid in their homes or fled the area. Announcements were also broadcasted from mosque loudspeakers, calling on Muslims to "burn the houses of Christians."

Pastor murdered in Dagestan, Russia -- On July 15, **Pastor Artur Suleimanov (49)** was murdered by a gunman who shot him in the head as he was getting into his car to leave the Hosanna House of Prayer in Makhachkala, Dagestan -- a federal republic of Russia in the North Caucasus region. He passed away approximately an hour later in hospital. Pastor Suleimanov was well known as a dynamic leader of one of the largest Protestant churches in the republic. "Pastor Suleimanov was a wonderful Christian brother and his shocking death is a devastating loss for the Dagestan church," a coordinator with Barnabas Fund has said. "He and the Hosanna House of Prayer church were very active in ministry and outreach in particular. We see his murder as an attempt to put further pressure on Christian converts in Dagestan." Pastor Suleimanov leaves to mourn a wife and five children.

Authorities crack down on Christians in Uzbekistan -- Authorities in Karakalpakstan, an autonomous republic in Uzbekistan, have renewed a crackdown on Protestant activity in recent weeks. On July 8, two Christians were handed 10-day prison terms to punish them for their religious activities. One of the imprisoned believers, **Lepes Omarov**, has previously endured opposition. In 2003, he was dismissed from his job as a teacher after he rejected pressure from a local ideology official to renounce his beliefs. In 2006, a criminal case was launched against him for violating the law on religion, but the case never came to trial. Only state-registered Muslim communities and one Russian Orthodox parish are allowed to operate in Karakalpakstan. All other religious activity in the area is illegal. Police raided many homes belonging to Protestants between May and early July, confiscating Christian books, DVDs and computers. One believer was summoned to the Prosecutor's Office in mid-June and pressured to sign a pledge to no longer keep Christian books in his home upon threat of criminal prosecution. The believer refused to the sign and was eventually allowed to go.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

Canaan Community Church



Hap and Gladys Skinner

Mike and Renee Delorenzo – Kenya

Jonathan, Jodi, Jessica, Joshua, Joseph & Josiah Thars – Taiwan

The Churo School

C&MA: Carolyn Thorson & Karen Fitch – Gabon, The Wendels & Westergrens – Spain, Cheryl P – (Iraq) 6 mo home assignment, The Sterns – Home, hoping to return to Argentina, The Arndts – Russia, Brian W – Malaysia

The Cooks in Colorado

The Muhotas in Kenya

The Torch Kit Ministry

OTHER MISSIONARY FRIENDS OF CANAAN

Beryl J. Pierce, Major, Salvation Army (Kinzi Wass Pierce's mother-in-law) – Zambia

Daniel & Emily Keller, Peace Corp (Kowalski) – Honduras – returning home in September

Kirk & Janis Reynolds, Navigators (Kowalski) – Chicago Regional Asian Ministry



Arnie, Cheryl, Nicole, Stephanie & Katie Solvig -- Guinea

Dear Partners in Prayer,

We know that when God's people pray that God is pleased and He seeks to meet our requests in a way that would bring glory to His name.

Thanks for being a part of what God is doing in our new assignment to Conakry, Guinea.

Welcome to "THE SOLVIG SHUFFLE"

Thanks for your prayers for our trip – God answered in amazing ways! We have made it through our second day in Conakry, Guinea. It has been great to meet lots of our fellow workers, walk through our "new" home to be, go to a church service, and think about how we are going to adjust to the heat & humidity of Guinea. Last night we were without electricity all night long!

Pray for us as we set up our home and unpack everything. We need to paint the house today and try to set up all of our appliances.

Joshua 1:9 "This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Prayer Requests/Answers to Prayer

I Thessalonians 5:25 "Brothers, pray for us!"

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

Please pray for the following this month.

New friends for our girls:

Transitions and setting up a new home:

Safety during the election process for a new president here in Guinea:

Nicole has she prepare to go to boarding school in Dakar, Senegal!

CANAAN COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS JULY 25, 2010

SPOTLIGHT FAMILIES FOR WEEK JULY 25 – JULY 31 2010

Pray for one another.....

Shane, Bonnie & Addison Flater † David & Bonnie Gibbs † Jade, Tracie & Noah Gruner, Aaron & Andrew Schwarz † Recent Visitors: Scott & Karen Randall

PRAISES

Congratulations to Allie Flater for being voted cutest 2 year old and Jace for sweetest smile and cutest hair.

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Scott Schultz is in Arizona with his family after the news of his dad's cancer. **Jen Flater** has been having severe headaches and had good results from a spinal tap but will get results from her MRI on Tuesday. **Teresa Brouhard** struggling with severe back pain. **Debbie Arney** having back pain. Ron & Carol Kowalski's granddaughter, **Samantha** (3) will have tonsils and adenoids removed 7/29. **Mary Ellen Bunn**, wife of Pastor Frank Bunn at New Maysville, is in a regular room but has a long road to recovery. Sharon Doty's cousin, **Kyle Green**, suffered a heart attack. Lauren Crafton's dad, **Paul**, waiting for prostate biopsy reports. Brenda Davidson's niece, **Dawn Bartlett**, still no diagnosis for severe headaches. **Pat Atchley**, a HL resident, is home and recovering after a hip replacement. **Larry Nesbitt**, **Sue Neier**, **Jim Thorn** (facing possible surgery in August), **Ray Robertson & Cindy Ware** are in physical therapy. **Kathy Thompson**, MS symptoms & medication issues. Sue Neier's great-nephew, **Wyatt** (1 year) continues to be unresponsive and is experiencing other complications. **Health concerns:** **Ray Robertson**, **Beth Strube** (cholesterol & diabetes concerns), **Donna Pritchard**, **Pastor Buddy Goss**, New Winchester Baptist, (diabetes & heart problems), Tracey Holtane's grandfather, **Elmer Schaub**; Carmen Sims parents, **Chuck & Carolyn Frund**; Mike Strube's mother, **Anna**; Duane Wass' great nephew, **Austin** (23); **Dave Wooden**; Paulita Ream's son needs a diagnosis; **Mike & Delva Tearman**, Shelley Thorn's parents; **Ann Nesbitt**; **Marcia Gruner**; **The Lisbys**; **Pastor Kevin's mom**; **Ernie Davidson**; **Teresa Brouhard**, **Dave Gibbs & Rich Roth** back pain.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Rob Skillern—Iraq
Robbie Skillern—Afghanistan in June
Sam Houser--Afghanistan
Patrick Robertson – SC
Robbie Carmichael (friend of Andersons)
Todd (friend of Mike Anderson)
Christopher Barger (Ron's grandson) –Iraq
Jared Holtane – Iraq early June
Carlos Kline, USMC (Raley's grandson) San Diego
Daniel Wass, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ashley Arney
Christine Anderson
Brenda Anderson
Jessica Smeelink
Rahab Muhota
Jordy Davidson
Kelly Murphy
Jonathon Redman
Ashley Collins
Aaron Schwarz
Mike Anderson
Steve Anderson
Shawn Smeelink
Virginia Muhota
Meagan Murphy
Jeremy Redman
Drew Brouhard

CANCER CONCERNS

Jim Holt terminal cancer	Cheryl Hughes, liver cancer (Keith Redman's mom) not well
Michael Settle (Carol F's cousin's wife)—not doing well	Sheryl Roberts (HL resident)
Cara Smith's Aunt Bert (Mike Anderson)	Kathy Lane (breast cancer) (Holtane)
Matt Scott (Keith Redman's cousin)	Pam Foley (Kathy T's cousin) ovarian
Dennis Holtane	Bobby Black, Mike's brother
Cindy Ware	Sharon Doty – preventative radiation treatments
Tim Johnson (Mike Doty's brother-in-law) prostate	Eddie Todd (Kim Redman's dad) lung – refusing treatment
Sarah (Moore) Carpenter (HL resident)	Lonnie (Bonnie Gibbs)
Jim & Kitty Wynn (former ALPHA participants)	Scott Schultz's dad

Tammy's (Kathy T.) latest scan shows the inside of her brain tumor is dying. Please pray the outside will shrink with it.

Job Losses: Scott Schultz, Brenda Davidson, Julie Mitchel and Sarah Christ (Thompson's daughter).