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"Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Nigeria

PARLIAMENTARY CAMPAIGN SEEKS TO BRING PLIGHT OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS TO ATTENTION OF POLITICIANS

The recent outbreak of violence in Jos, Nigeria, has had tragic consequences. Helen, a mother of ten, and her family who live in Bukuru, a suburb of Jos, were attacked in their home by a violent mob of Muslim extremists. In the attack her husband, Samuel Ani, and three of her sons, Kenneth Ani, Nonso Nweke and Chinedu, were tragically killed.

Muslims had gathered outside Helen's house, incessantly banging on the door and lighting fires in the street. Helen and her daughters pleaded with the attackers and they eventually allowed the females to leave the building, before ransacking the house and mercilessly attacking Samuel Ani and his sons.

In total the deaths of 48 Christians have been confirmed in the outbreak of violence, which was triggered when Muslim youths attacked a church building. Police estimate over 300 lives were lost in the violence.

In order to bring such atrocities to the attention of politicians, Open Doors is working together with Andrew Pelling, MP for central Croydon, who has sponsored Early Day Motion No. 877. The Motion calls on the government to raise and pursue concerns about human rights and religious liberty when dealing with foreign governments. Open Doors is urging supporters to write to their MPs requesting that they add their names to the list of signatories. To take part in the campaign please visit www.opendoorsuk.org/campaign

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Please pray:

1. For widow Helen and her family, that God would bring comfort and release from the great pain they are currently experiencing after the decimation of their family
2. That God would hear the pleas of Helen and others like her for safety as they face the onslaught of Muslim attackers
3. That many people would write to their MPs asking them to sign the Early Day Motion and as a result the plight of persecuted Christians would be brought to the attention of those with the power to make a difference.

For more information about persecuted Christians and countries where believers are routinely persecuted for their faith, please go to www.opendoorsuk.org/countries

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because it is your prayer cover which supports and strengthens our work!