



news from around THE world

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YOUTH PERSECUTION BY MAN BUT DELIVERANCE BY GOD. PRAISE THE LORD!!

Damare, a young slave boy, had his knees and feet nailed to a board and was left to die - just for attending a church service. Miraculously he survived and told The Voice of the Martyrs that he forgave his cruel tormenter, because Jesus was nailed and forgave him

COURTESY OF VOICE OF MARTYRS

RELIGIOUS FRUSTRATION: PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS

Three churches were set aflame in Bauchi, Nigeria after Muslim students began attacking Christian students at the Government Day Secondary School ...in the Yelwa Tudu area of Bauchi are Pentecostal: Elim Church, Redeemed Christian Church of God, and the Assemblies of God Church. They also attacked their Christian colleagues with knives and daggers. I had to run for my dear life because the situation became uncontrollable."

COURTESY OF COMPASS DIRECT NEWS, DEC 14 2007

INDIRECT PERSECUTION VIA FALSE MEDIA PROPAGANDA

22-year-old Murat Tabuk reportedly admitted under police interrogation that the popular ultra-nationalist Turkish TV serial "Valley of the Wolves" had inspired him to plan Pastor Arkan's murder. It is the second time in less than a month that the television series has been cited as inspiring violence against Christians. "The result has been innumerable, direct threats, attacks against places of worship and eventually, the live slaughter of three innocent Christians in Malatya," Pray for believers in Turkey.

COURTESY OF COMPASS DIRECT NEWS, JAN 3 2008



9TH HOLY GHOST CONGRESS HELD IN NIGERIA

The 9th edition of the Holy Ghost Congress, the special historical meeting which began on the beach of Lekki in Lagos Nigeria in 1998, which has now been holding on the Redeemed Christian Church of God's camp ground in Nigeria took place in December 2007. It was held under probably the largest auditorium in the world seating people in excess of 5million. Under the guidance of the General overseer of the RCCG, **Pastor Enoch A. Adeboye**, there were miracles, great sermons and several visitors from all over the world, Men of God from various churches and ministries and Music ministers from all over the world. Titled *The Next Level*, it was the greatest Holy Ghost congress yet and our own Pastor Andrew Adeleke ministered during the week long congress.

TORTURE OF ERITREAN CHRISTIANS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Paulus was an Eritrean refugee found lying contorted on the ground, balanced on his belly, his hands clutch his feet behind his back, bending his legs back almost double, a torture technique known colloquially as "the helicopter." "It was in this excruciating position, he claims, that soldiers left him tied up for 136 hours, in an attempt to force him to recant his faith... During the past five years, a brutal campaign has been waged in Eritrea against Christian minorities, focusing mainly on the evangelical and Pentecostal movements, with weddings, baptisms, church services and prayer meetings been raided by security forces. As a result, Many Christians are suffering in military concentrations [camps] and police stations... Pray for the Christians in Eritrea, and pray for the prisoners and their families.

COURTESY OF ASSIST NEWS SERVICE

UNCERTAINTY FOR CHRISTIANS IN KENYA

The crisis in Kenya has highlighted the persecution faced by many Christians. Several media sources have reported the plight of Christians in this tragic violence. According to BosNewsLife, several dozens of Christians were burnt alive in a protestant church in Eldoret, 185 miles from Nairobi. Some of the victims actually sought refuge in the church as a safe haven only to be attacked with dire consequences. Another account of persecution reported was the killing of veteran American missionaries. As a result of this fighting, several missionary programmes in Kenya cannot take effect leaving thousands in desperate need of aid. Please remember our African brethren in your prayers.