



Community Bible Study International

“Everyone in the world ... in the Word.”

Living With Fear — Ministering in Faith

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Dear Ministry Partner,

At times, CBSI works in perilous places, as Sholy, our National Director in Nigeria, can attest. He and his family continue to lead our ministry there, though sectarian violence periodically slices through their city.

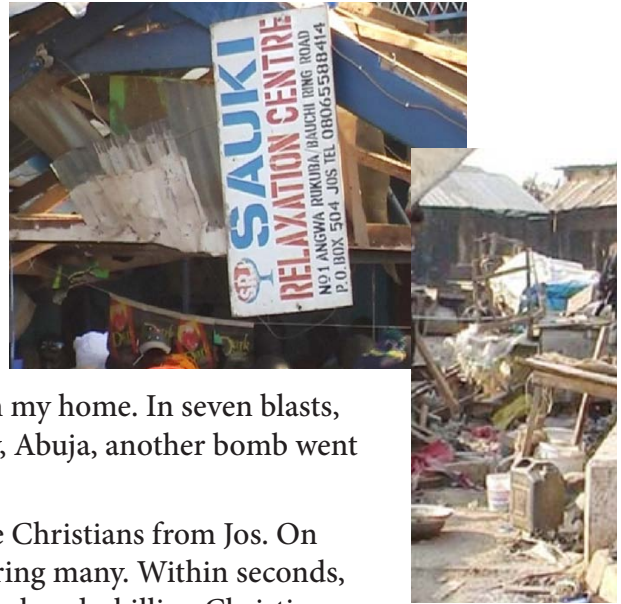
“How do I live in a society where I am hunted like an animal in the wild?” Sholy asks. “How do I conduct ministry when the next gunshots I hear could be directed at me or my family? On Christmas Eve, my beloved city of Jos was the scene of heavy terrorist attacks on local Christians, with multiple bomb blasts. One bombed site is only 500 meters from my home. In seven blasts, more than 40 innocent souls were massacred. In the capital city, Abuja, another bomb went off on New Year’s Eve, killing more people.”

Religious extremists, a minority, have vowed to dislodge the Christians from Jos. On January 8, terrorists attacked a bus passing through Jos, murdering many. Within seconds, Sholy says, other extremists went on a rampage in their neighborhoods, killing Christians innocently going about their business.

“Yes, honestly, we are afraid,” Sholy says, “but we know our lives are under God’s control. Our family is unified in our resolve that this is where God has called us. This is where we belong, and we will stay to do our work under God’s divine direction. This is where God has called me to minister for His glory!”

The difficulties are great, but the opportunities are also great. Sholy asks us to pray for his protection so CBSI can redouble its ministry efforts. If he had an office assistant, he could train more CBSI leaders. Despite the dangers, he and his wife, Mercy, held two training sessions in January, and they have been invited to present CBSI at a conference for more than 2,000 people this month.

Your support would encourage CBSI Nigeria right now! Will you please join us in prayer and consider providing financial support for CBSI as we minister to people around the world — including dangerous places such as Nigeria? As Sholy and others labor under the CBSI banner, “Everyone in the world ... in the Word,” they are precious in God’s sight and ours!



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