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Story one: Daniel (Nigeria)

Daniel now lives on a camp for displaced people; a refugee in his own country.

He was forced to flee his home, in the Gwoza area of Nigeria’s north-eastern Borno state, when Boko Haram attacked.

More than 150 people were killed in the attack. Daniel’s three sons, who were aged between 7 and 14 at the time, were all shot dead. His father was beheaded. His wife was abducted and – as he later learned – forcibly married off to a Muslim.

Daniel managed to escape and fled to Maiduguri, the state capital, where he now lives on a camp for people who have fled violence. “Life is not easy in the camp,” he said. “When the NGOs come [with supplies] we all survive.”

But, by the grace of God – and despite all he has been through – Daniel remains firm in his faith. “I have surrendered my life to Christ,” he said.