

Testimonies

Munshi (India)

From the time Munshi and his wife became Christians members of their extended family as well as some of their neighbours had tried to persuade them to renounce Christ and return to Hinduism.

When he began sharing the gospel in his village Hindu extremists warned him to stop.

Eventually Munshi built a small house on agricultural land he owned, which was outside the main village. From there he began running Christian worship services.

One Friday afternoon, after a prayer meeting, Munshi was abducted by a group of Hindu extremists. He was taken into a nearby jungle area and shot dead.

When she heard the news Munshi's wife Jaini fled from the village with her four young children. She took refuge in the home of a Christian family in another village. Her family and her late husband's family prevented her from returning to the family home.



Matthew Tagwi (Nigeria)

Matthew Tagwi had been an ordained minister just three months when he was shot dead by Islamist militants in Nigeria's Plateau State.

Matthew had been posted to Nsah village with his pregnant wife Rose and their two young daughters. Rose was at an antenatal check up in another town on the day Fulani herdsmen attacked the village. They headed straight to the pastor's house, called him out by name and shot him dead.

Because of lockdown restrictions in place at the time Matthew was buried the following day. His wife was not even allowed to attend the funeral. Rose subsequently gave birth to another daughter, who she named 'Patience'. Sadly, however, Patience later died.

Responding to the martyrdom of her husband she later said, *'The evil men think killing a pastor will stop the gospel. Nothing will stop the gospel of Christ. My prayer is that his killers will get to know the Jesus I know. I do forgive them and will pray that the Lord saves their souls.'*

