

Testimonies

Ibrahim Isa (Nigeria)



Ibrahim's wife - Laraba

Ibrahim Isa had won many people for Christ and was determined to continue preaching the gospel, despite repeated threats to his life. He paid the ultimate price for his love of the Lord.

Ibrahim and his wife Laraba, along with their five children, lived in a village not far from Jos, in Nigeria's Plateau State. Laraba and the children were staying in Jos on the morning her husband was killed by Fulani Islamist militants. She spoke to him on the phone not long before he was targeted and shot dead.

Ibrahim was from a Fulani background and served as an evangelist, working among Fulani Muslim groups. He had been warned several times that he was a likely target for Islamist militia who are active around the villages in the Miango area.

A local community leader later said of him, *'Ibrahim said that he had a duty to preach and bring the gospel to his people.'*

Mary and Jude (Nigeria)

Mary and her husband Jude had been married just a few months when Islamists attacked their Nigerian village at night.

In the sustained onslaught that followed Mary was shot dead and Jude was hit several times with bullets. When the attackers got into their home, Jude was also hit repeatedly in the back with a machete and left for dead. He survived, but one of the bullet wounds has left him blind in his right eye.

But Jude harbours no bitterness towards those who killed his wife. He told Release International staff who met him, *'I can forgive them. If God can forgive, who am I? I would preach the Word of God to them; to make them change from the life they're living to follow Christ.'*

Release International partners have supported Jude, who attended a Trauma Healing Workshop earlier this year.



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