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**A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO  
VIOLENCE...**

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# OUTLINE

- Introduction- my story
- Appreciating the current scenarios mainly in Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and Rwanda
- Lessons learnt and reflections
- The call to be involved
- Conclusion

# INTRODUCTION

- My story- student Annual Missions
- My Story- missionary in Southern Sudan
- The new trend of violence
- The trend now is the story all over Africa

# THE KENYAN SCENARIO

- Since operation “Linda Nchi” (protect the country) Al-shabab vowed to retaliate against the authorities
- Attacks on churches and church gatherings
- Christians always at risk



# Garissa CU Attack

- 2<sup>nd</sup> April gun men stormed University and killed 148 injuring at least 79
- 700 students in hostage
- 70% of the CU members died in the attack
- The worst since the American embassy attack
- Morning glory- 22/27 rested in the Lord

# Garissa CU Attack

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Map of Kenya- Garissa



Prayer meeting place



# Garissa Terror Attack

Outside the Hostel



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Burial service



# Ugandan Martyrs

## Martyrs furnace



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## Dying for Christ

- Number of Men and boys who had courage to live and die few years from when they first heard the gospel
- 22 martyrs for example:
- Charles Wanga
- Denis Ssebuggwawo



# RWANDAN GENOCIDE

Graves for the victims

More than 800,000 died



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# Nigerian Boko-Haram

Boko-Haram

Abduction of girls etc.



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# GOD IS WITH US!

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# Implications of the attack

## Worth to consider

- Fear- of mission involvement
- Confusion & Many questions?
- Increasing threats to tent making!
- #UB Revenge or avenge

## To the Victims

- **Growth in faith**
- **Boldness to share**
- **Security concerns & checks**



# Garissa Students Testimony

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# REFLECTIONS

## Theological Reflections

- Gospel and violence
- Theology of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cheek
- How do we handle aliens-people different from us
- Engage the reality of Death as Christians
- OT war versus NT war

## General Reflections

- The need to be prepared always
- The gospel must be preached in all areas and circumstances
- Must believe and be ready to suffer for the gospel

# The Call to be involved

- We have the call to GO and PREACH the gospel
- Gospel has progressed in persecution- Christ; Stephen, Peter and Paul
- The call/package of salvation involves joys and suffering or being persecuted for Christ
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit- Boldness and faith
- He has promised to be with us until the very end of age  
Mathew 28:20

# CONCLUSION

- Get involved in God's mission:
  - In going
  - Praying
  - Giving towards
- Even in persecution, pain and suffering.
- He has promised to empower us and to be with us until the very end of age
- Blessed...Great is your reward... Mathew 5:11-12



- The end
- Any questions and reflections