

“...that the message of the Lord may spread...”

2 Thes. 3:1



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“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 8:38-39)

Brothers and Sisters,

It is with a heavy heart we announce to you a tragic incident that took place yesterday in Jos. At about 2:35 pm or thereabouts there was a twin bomb blast in Jos around the Terminus Market, the biggest and most populated market in Jos, capital of Plateau State. The blast took place around the mostly Christians section of the market leaving at least 150 people dead. According to eye witnesses, the first blast took place around the area where the mostly Igbo tribesmen and women are selling second hand shoes, bags and clothes. While people and security agencies rushed on the scene to rescue people, the second one went off, causing even more harm and death. Police are saying the first bomb was as a result of suicide bombers because two bodies were found in the minivan which carried the bomb. Both vehicles were parked along the road in this busy market.

It is a very tragic experience for us. It is the worst bombing to ever take place in Jos. Although bombs have gone off in churches in Jos, this is a new strategy. In the aftermath, one fear is a possible reprisal attack from indigenes in Jos and other non-Muslims. Many believe the bombings were carried out by Muslims and may want to destroy Muslim businesses and properties in Jos. For us as Christians we know that this is a work of the enemy the devil and his followers, who are making the world uninhabitable for all of us. We know that there is nothing we can do as human beings, but just to pray and ask God for His mercies.

“Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, and He will freely pardon.” (Isaiah 55:7).



Please join us in prayer

for the victims of the blast: those who lost their lives and those injured in the hospital. We join the families to mourn the loss and it is only God who will bring comfort to the weeping hearts



Let us pray also that there will be no reprisal attack from the Beroms (the dominant tribe Jos) and the Igbos who are mostly affected by the blasts. Pray that Jos will be calm and peaceful again.

Pray also for me (Dixon) as I leave for Tanzania this Saturday for a week visit to see and discuss mission opportunities with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, East of Lake Victoria Diocese.

Let us **also pray for my mother-in-law** who was admitted on Saturday in hospital for High Blood Pressure. We were at the hospital for when we heard the bomb blasts less than two Kilometres away.

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