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Is God Really Good?

When we sent the monthly funds to Haiti in August, it happened: a robbery.

Pastor Samson and a brother who attended the Delmas 6 church were about two miles from the bank after receiving the funds when they were accosted by a thief with a gun. He fired the gun, and the bullet traveled through Pastor Samson's hand to fatally injure the other brother. The funds were stolen, as were Pastor Samson's phone and personal ID.

Our hearts were torn as soon as we learned of the incident. The deceased man was thirty-nine and leaves a wife and child in dire circumstances. Pastor Samson was able to have surgery and expects to regain use of his hand, but how long does it take to cope with that kind of trauma? With the help of a donor, we were able to send funds to Pastor Samson and this brother's family, but we feel it is so little in comparison with such a tragedy.

Pastor Samson responded in an email a few days later, affirming his continued faith in God. "[Jesus] is good all the time, no matter what happens. I thank you . . . for your sympathy and all of your support, your prayers in this difficult time. Life is so fragile and short everywhere on earth. Please, continue to pray for us in Haiti; we have a serious situation here."



Pastor Samson and his wife, Marie

Will you pray for Pastor Samson, that he would regain full use of his hand? Will you pray for the grieving widow and her daughter who live in extreme poverty? The burglar did not escape, but was immediately assailed by a mob and killed. Will you pray for those who choose to go to such desperate measures?



Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

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Gabe, Erica, and Claire Wait



New York City

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AROUND THE WORLD

MUSLIM WORLD: NEW YORK CITY

Gabe, Erica, and Claire Wait moved to New York City this summer to participate in a year of training called EQUIP. They saw this as the next important step in their calling to share Christ's love with Muslims.

But this next year is not just a time to learn theory and facts on paper; they are living in a Muslim Albanian community and are held accountable to live out the training they receive.

And although the Waits did not cross a national boundary when they moved to NYC, it is not difficult to cross cultural boundaries when moving there. Check out these facts about New York City*:

- Think the population of Chicago is large? NYC has more foreign-born immigrants than Chicago's entire population!
- NYC has more unreached people groups than many countries. In fact, only Iran, Afghanistan, and Vietnam rank higher than NYC's 52 unreached groups.
- There are more languages spoken in NYC than in most countries—over 800! It boasts more languages spoken than any other city, with London coming in second at over 300.

This means that the harvest is ripe right here on our home turf, in New York City! Please pray for the Waits as they train, build relationships, and seek to draw Muslims into a relationship with Christ.

*Statistics from www.internationalproject.org.