

## Silent Night, Holy Night...

## 平安夜,圣善夜......

We celebrate Christmas amid presents and feasting. However, for many, a "silent night" is all they ask. As we prepare to celebrate this joyous occasion, let us take a moment to remember the oppressed in some parts of the world.

The Bible Society of Singapore supports the missions in many countries in need; one of which is South Sudan. Paul Kumbonyeki, Zande Translation Team Leader of the Bible Society in South Sudan, shares about the worsening situation in Yambio—a city in South Sudan:

The situation in Yambio is worsening every day. The deafening sound of shooting could be heard throughout the night. People were shot dead and corpses lay in the streets. I was told four Catholic sisters were raped; and on the same day a pregnant woman was gang-raped by five gunmen. She did not survive the ordeal. The children have nowhere to go. All the roads were blocked, and we do not have food or medicine. People are traumatised because of the uncertainty and insecurity. If I had the means I would have sent them help and bring them God's comforting Word."

God has blessed us so we may be a blessing to others (Prov 11:25). The act of giving reminds us that we live by the grace of God. Please help us bring the hope of God's Word to all nations. Your generous giving towards the Bible Mission will help comfort, impact and transform lives!

In His grace,

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我们在礼物和宴会中庆祝圣诞。然而对许多人来说,他们想要的不过是一个"平安之夜"。当我们预备庆祝这个喜乐的节期时,让我们花点时间记念在世界某些地区受压迫的人。

新加坡圣经公会支持许多需要援助国家的宣教事工, 其中一个便是南苏丹。南苏丹圣经公会赞德语(Zande)翻译组组长保罗(Paul Kumbonyeki)分享了南苏丹延比奥市 (Yambio)局势恶化的情况:

46 延比奥的局势日趋恶化,整晚都能听到震耳欲聋的枪声,人们被枪杀而横尸街头。我听说有四位天主教姐妹被强奸;就在同一天,一名怀孕的妇女被五名枪手轮奸,她没能活过这场劫难。孩子们无处可去,所有的道路被封,我们没有食物和药品。人们因为动荡不安的局势而心灵受创,如果我有办法,我会给予他们帮助,并带给他们上帝充满安慰的话语。"

上帝祝福我们,以至我们能祝福他人(箴言11:25)。奉献的行动提醒我们,我们全靠上帝的恩典而活。请帮助我们将上帝话语的盼望带给万民。您对圣经宣教的慷慨捐助将有助于安慰、影响和改变生命!

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