



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Greetings from Atlanta, Georgia.

This is a quick "news flash" to ask you to pray with us in regards to the recent shootings in Colorado. They hit us "close to home" as a Youth With A Mission (YWAM) base was the first target. Not only was a YWAM base the target, but we also have a dear friend, Trish Webster, who is on staff at that base.

For those of you who may not have heard about the shootings (in South Africa and other parts of the world), please allow us to share the gist of what happened (there are plenty of news websites available if you want the details).

On Sunday morning at 12:30 am Denver time a gunman opened fire at the YWAM base in Arvada, a suburb of Denver, Colorado. Two YWAM'ers were shot dead and others were wounded and are in critical condition.

A little over 12 1/2 hours later, at 1:10 pm on Sunday afternoon, the same gunman opened fire in the parking lot of New Life Church in Colorado Springs (approximately 65 miles / 104 Km away), again killing two and wounding others. A volunteer security guard shot the gunman before he was able to kill any more of the thousands of church members who were just about to get out of the service which was in progress.

We have talked with Trish a few times in the past four or five hours. She informs us that the YWAM'ers were evacuated from the base to another location, but returned tonight (Tuesday) for the first time since the incident. Upon their return they had a time of worship and prayer and also walked around the whole base doing spiritual warfare. Needless to say, every one is quite shaken by the whole event, but they are pulling together and supporting one another.

Please pray with us that the Lord would comfort them in their time of grief. There will be many questions and struggles with why this has happened. Pray that God will bring peace in the midst of this storm, and that their faith will be strengthened.

Trish is acting as the "point-person" manning the phones. As you can imagine, she has had to deal with a lot of phone calls and questions from the media and public. Please pray for a special grace and peace to help her through this time -- every phone call and question is just another reminder of what has happened.


A memorial service will be held on Wednesday afternoon. Please pray for God's comfort and peace to be with everyone as they say their final goodbyes to their friends.

We know that Trish and the other YWAM'ers will appreciate your prayers. When we spoke to her, she said they could already feel the prayers of the saints around the world lifting them up.

On a lighter note, Karen and I will be in Atlanta for Christmas and then go to Chicago for about ten days before returning to Hong Kong on January 6th. We would also appreciate your prayers as we travel. Please pray with us as we trust the Lord to bring us in contact with the people we need to see and connect with while we are here.

Thank you for your prayers. They are making a difference. We appreciate you standing with us and with our friends at this time.

God bless you,



Stephen & Karen

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