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Faithful in the Midst of Persecution!

God's protection and the power of Biblical training continue to encourage church leaders in challenging parts of the world. In some regions of the world, following Christ comes at a tremendous cost. In a West African country, persecution against Christians has increased, with entire cities being overtaken by Muslim militias and Christian communities driven from their homes. These groups have also placed bounties on Christians, with even higher rewards offered for pastors.

One AABS-associated Bible school director, who also provides leadership oversight to 27 churches, has experienced these dangers firsthand. He lives on the church grounds with his family, and as threats against Christians increased, several church members urged him to leave for the safety of his family. However, he felt strongly that God was calling him to remain where He had placed him.

What happened next was both unusual and deeply encouraging. An Imam from a nearby mosque contacted the local police to complain that the church had security personnel blocking the road. He described them as having "terrible guns, like they had never seen before." The Imam claimed to see these security forces every time the church held a service. The regional police eventually approached the church to inquire about the armed personnel. The surprising truth was that the church had not hired any armed security forces!

Later, another Muslim man revealed that they knew where the Bible school director lived, but every time they attempted to go after him, these mysterious security forces prevented them from reaching him. While no one could explain what was happening, the director recognized God's hand of protection over his life and family. We are reminded that God is faithful to those who trust Him, even in the most difficult circumstances.

Despite these challenges, the work of preparing Christian leaders continues.

There are currently 57 students enrolled in this AABS-associated Bible school, with additional students attending periodically as new classes become available.

We give thanks to God for His protection, for the courage of faithful church leaders, and for the students who continue to pursue Biblical education despite the dangers around them. **Please pray** for this Bible school director, his family, the 27 churches under his oversight, and the 57 students currently receiving training. Pray for God's continued protection, wisdom, and strength for those serving in dangerous areas. May His Word continue to spread, and may many more leaders be equipped to serve His Church.

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