

If you have read on the Blog this past week you will know of the situation that took place in Zimbabwe this past Thursday evening. We wanted to now give you further details of that event.

From the Begarly's

On Thursday evening last week we had a break in to our private residence. There were three men with two banga's which is a knife 18 inches long and at the end about 5 inches wide with a small hook on the end.

They entered the house through the flat (apartment) that we have attached to the house. They tied up Misty Bodkins and put the Banga to her throat and told her to be quiet. Then they wanted to know how many people were in the house so she told them.

They brought her into the main house into the kitchen where Helen and Janet Meek were. They tried to tie up Helen and she refused and they tried to take her rings off her fingers and she refused to give them.

They wanted to take Janet Meeks necklace off her and began to pull her to the living room where Hunter was asleep on the Sofa, Roger and I were watching the building of Hunnington Retreat Center from an old video.

As I was sitting on the sofa I looked up and saw two men in face masks with banga's in their hands. As soon as I saw them I rushed them and Roger followed. We fought them in the Hall way where it was hard for them to swing their Bangas but they managed to get off some blows to our bodies.

Roger received severe cuts to his forearm to the bone which required 55 stiches and others to his body which did not require stiches.

I received a blow to the top of my head which required about 45 stiches and one cut to my arm with one stich and another to my hand which took four stiches and other blows to both shoulders and my side.

Hunter managed to get off a good blow with a golf club handed to him by Helen.

We managed through the Lords deliverance to overpower them.

Roger was able to defend himself with a sweeper handle and made some good blows to the assailant and I managed to overpower the other assailant and took away his Banga.

We managed to trap one in the house. Then the Lord came over me with a very powerful peace that took away the need to kill this one.

The Lord delivered us in the middle of hand to hand battle for our lives not to kill so we did not. So the one that was trapped in the house went down the stairs into one of our bedrooms and we locked him in only to find that he managed to brake the security bars on the window and broke out the glass and went out of the house through the window cutting himself more buy the glass and broken bars.

We have had great support from the community, police, and church family here in Zimbabwe. We understand that you have not known about this before now but have been praying for us all along.

We are including photos which are quit graphic so that you can see that the Lord delivered us from death.

They came at us with Banga's with the intent to kill us and we came at them with the Lord and He spared us and one of them from the hand of death.

We are not filled with hatred or anger but full of thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior.

Roger and Janet Meek have since flown back to the USA for further medical treatment and according to the report we got from Janet, Roger is going to be OK but is in lots of pain from the cuts to the bone. We all have lots of trauma to work through but are confident that in time the Lord will bring healing to our minds.

There are lots of security measures that we are going to have to make so that our visitors are as safe as they can be in our home and that we are as safe as we can

be in our home.

These measures will be quite costly and we need your support to do what needs to be done. We will be contacting you after I get quotations for labor and materials.

Helen, Hunter, and myself will be flying back to the USA for church reporting at our scheduled departure of June 3rd arriving in Atlanta on June 4th at 7:25pm. We will be picked up and driven back to Knoxville; it is about a 4 hour drive.

Your prayers are heard and your love is felt as God continues to take his message to a lost and dying world.

In Christ: Mark and Helen