

## June 2017 Grenfell Tower, Kakuma Refugee Camp, Sicily

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### GRENFELL TOWER

Readers are likely aware of this tragedy in **London UK**, where a high rise tower block on a housing estate in central London caught ablaze, burning out the entire block leaving hundreds homeless and over 70 missing, with many bodies burnt beyond recognition.



We spent a whole night there offering assistance, although more or less all residents had somewhere to sleep. Not counting the various left wing and Muslim activists trying to bring the Government down because of the tragedy, as many of the residents were immigrants and Muslims, there were a lot of people wandering around in shock, both those who had escaped the blaze and many local folks from neighbouring blocks just in shock at what had happened. We have observed that it is in times of tragedy or major upset of the daily regime of life that people turn to God and start asking life's big questions. So we distributed New Testaments and got into conversation with people, including the mother of a child who had been burnt alive. We were of course helpless to turn the clock back and do much, but hopefully some seeds of hope were sown. We encourage you all to use such tragedies to offer the perspective of the Kingdom to folks who, as we say, start asking life's big questions when life is so abruptly interrupted. The various "Missing" posters were very tragic, do pray for those grieving and worried families:



### KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP

Since the 1990s we have been materially and spiritually supporting African refugee brethren sent to this awful camp on the Kenya-Somalia border, and thanks to your generosity we continue. Temperatures are around 40 C in the day and 30 C at night, with accommodation in tin box like structures which are awful heat traps, erected in the semi desert. It's an utterly miserable existence. Muslim extremists from Somalia come and attack the camp, and the camp itself is full of violence. In this desperate situation, week after week, month after month, year after year, people like those at Grenfell Tower, start to ask life's big questions. Over the years many have been baptized, the true Gospel has gone out to Africans from throughout the continent, and they meet in tents and a hall, made from bits of wood draped with *UNHCR* [United Nations High Commission for Refugees] sheeting. Here are some photos sent recently



We recently received the following letter which speaks for itself:

"Yesterday I went to the post office to collect the box containing the books we requested for helping in our preaching activity. The security situation at Kakuma camp is not good since two weeks ago: as the thieves enter in people's home with guns during night times to take the belongings of people by force. They beat and wound people with gun. During last week also some Burundian and Rwandese refugees were been caught by the Police having the heads of dead people in their bags - wanting to go to Uganda to sell them [where they are used in black magic rituals].

And some individuals ( refugees and nationals around the camp ) are found dead and their heads cut. Please keep praying for us all in our difficult situation at the camp. The ration food we received this month was again reduced , and next week it will finish. Thanks and much love in Christ Jesus - praying Him to come soon on this troubled earth to set God's kingdom of peace and righteousness. May He come soon"

### **ITALY and SICILY**

This week God willing we intend continuing our outreach to the thousands of migrants arriving on the shores of Italy and Sicily each week. Please pray for our wisdom, and for blessing as we seek to take material help as well as the true good news of the Lord Jesus and His Kingdom, the true Hope of Israel, to those who likewise are now grappling with life's big questions.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- For the Lord Jesus to very very soon return
- For the whole situation at Grenfell Tower
- For the safety of our refugee brethren at Kakuma Refugee Camp
- For the work in Italy and Sicily

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