Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom



Sierra Leone

Fr Anthony Patrick S Santianez CFX (missionary in Makeni, Philippine citizen, said on October 31, 2014 that he intends to stay in the country despite the Philippine government's request that all its citizens leave Ebola affected areas)

Fr Giuseppe Berton (aged 81, died of natural causes on June 25, 2013 in Parma, Italy, had worked for years during and after the civil war to befriend and rehabilitate child-soldiers)

Br Manuel García Viejo (aged 69, Spanish citizen, died from Ebola on September 25, 2014 in Madrid, Spain)

Moses (husband, father of two, church mission employee in Freetown, died of suspected Ebola on January 7, 2015)

Fr Themi Adams (Australian citizen, former rock musician, threatened with violence during a riot on or before June 30, 2013 at the Orthodox Mission in Freetown, said that he has been in "imminent danger" at least 50 times but "My escape each time was due solely to the grace of God";

as of July 28, 2014 has been preparing for the arrival of the Ebola epidemic;

reported on October 28, 2014 on the continuing Ebola epidemic surrounding his Freetown mission;

wrote a eulogy for his friend and co-worker Moses who died of suspected Ebola on January 7, 2015;

as of August 4, 2015 has helped start the Sierra Leone Albino Association to protect the country's albinos, more than 60 of whom have been killed in witchcraft rituals since late 2007)