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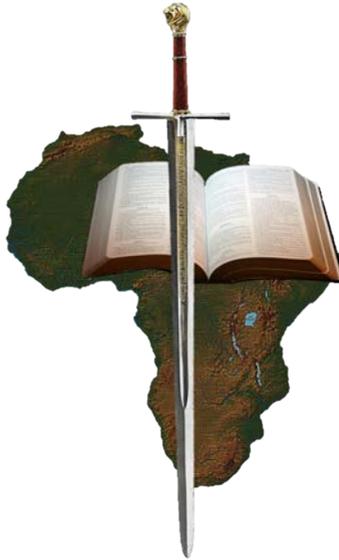


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This book is dedicated to
Colonel Jan Dirk Breytenbach,
the first commander of 1 Reconnaissance Commando,
32 Battalion and 44 Parachute Brigade.
Colonel Breytenbach's distinguished military career
began in 1950 and included the Suez Crisis,
the South West African Border War
and the Angolan Civil War,
leading the parachute assault on the SWAPO base at Cassinga,
conservation work to counter ivory poaching
and missionary service with Frontline Fellowship.
Colonel Breytenbach has also done much to aid farmers
to defend against terror attacks.

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Leopards are the ultimate survivalists.

FOREWORD

by Rob Brown

When first invited to write this Foreword I had some reservations and concerns as I am not a missionary nor do I belong to any mission organization; I do not profess any academic prowess nor am I a famous or distinguish military personality. So why would I be invited to write a foreword for a Christian Security and Survival Manual?

My chosen profession is that of a soldier; a Special Forces soldier (once Special Forces always Special Forces.) There is no conflict in my using this narrative as I have successfully completed separate Special Forces selections having been in four different armies, as well as operating as a civilian soldier working on contract. I have been on active service in nine or ten operational theaters of war. I am still active.

The vast majority of casualties in a time of war; civil unrest or disaster; is among the civilian population. It was with this in mind that I overcame my reservations with this foreword for the Security and Survival Handbook.

Also for me personally; I like to think it is written in memory of the Special Forces Operators who have died in places with names that many readers in all probability would not be able to find on a map. Places with unpronounceable names that no one would ever visit, in lonely jungle villages; swamps; deserts and the African bush.

This handbook comes at a critical time and maybe; just maybe it will help to save the lives of young men and woman who have answered the call. ***“Then I heard a voice of the Lord saying ‘whom shall I send and who will go for us?’ And I said ‘Here am I, send me!’”*** Isaiah 6: 8-9.

Security and Survival, although a defensive manual, deals with warfare. It is a new kind of warfare called gradualism. So we must ask and question when reading: what is warfare? Warfare, be it revolutionary war; armed propaganda (terrorism), or conventional warfare, has specific and fundamental laws. However, its application differs from country to country.

Therefore there can be no definitive manual on warfare. Likewise there can be no definitive manual on security. To many who are only now starting to look at the subject of their security and home defense much of what is in the manual will be new; to others not so much? Security is such a wide ranging subject that at times one can become so overwhelmed that you may end up doing nothing.

Security and Survival Handbook

Security and Survival is primarily a survival handbook for Missionaries. Having said that there are relevant points for every man woman and indeed even children with in its pages. The theories and ideas within the manual coincide with many other manuals, but incorporate a Biblical worldview that will appeal to the wider Christian market; it should not be seen as competition but an enhancement.

I found the **Practical Principals for Protection** very pertinent, the best protection you have is to keep them out. Also **Worst Case Scenarios** is of great value, just remember when it happens it will be much worse than you ever initially thought it could be, then it will get even worse very quickly. **Appendix 1&2** by Craig are a Must Read, not just for the first time Survivalist, but for the old Preppers. Never stop learning; 1&2 may save your life, so try it.

When reading Security and Survival I would suggest you remember the following axioms. When it comes to your security and survival you can only perform in direct relationship to the depth of your training. If you want to be competent at protecting yourself and your family you are going to have to train and practice what you have read.

$$\frac{\text{Knowledge + Repetition}}{\text{Discipline}} = \text{Performance}$$

This does not mean the once a year twenty rounds on a static range. It has to become a way of life, a self-discipline. There are no easy roads. To day when I exit and enter my area, or when travelling around anywhere in South Africa, I use very similar operating procedures adopted and used when I was on convoy duty in Iraq (minus the .50 cal Browning on my fighting vehicle).

When psychotic savagery and cruelty enter your world are you going to rely on crisis management and on-the-job training? We can and should learn from history. From 1899 to 1902 a small nation of irregular soldiers skilled in musketry fought one of the mightiest Empires of the day almost to a stand still. This skill at musketry became part of their D&A; they are excellent natural marksman even to day. The question that begs to be asked is if they are so good how come so many of them are getting killed? Because you have a gun does not mean you have security, it just means you have a gun.

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Given enough ammunition I can have a person on target within a day, to teach tactics takes weeks if not for ever; as war is ever evolving. The British army maintains it takes eighteen months to actually produce an accomplished soldier; and this with constant on- going training.

South Africa has had thousands upon thousands of farmers and their families murdered, the majority of victims being tortured to death. More people have been killed in home and farm invasions (read “terrorist”) since the still-birth and implementation of African style democracy, in 1994, more than the U.S Armies have had troops killed in Iraq by direct military action.

I.E.Ds aside, (Improvised Explosive Devices) and suicide bombers, if one takes into consideration every man, woman and child that have been brutally slain in their home in South Africa; the killing has entailed a one-on-one confrontation. A calculated planned and executed act of terror and killing, carried out by a single person or small group. Government is totally delusional in this regard, as there is no such crime as home invasion, or terror attacks, on the statue books. Torture is simply lumped under the heading Robbery with Aggravated Circumstance or Robbery with Assault; or Murder. The most gruesome of torture is denied with these euphemisms.

South Africa is one of the few countries in the world where the small minority is legislated against with no protection from government, a small minority that is now on the UN Genocide Watch List. Most certainly this is a recipe for tragedy and disaster to be sure. How many of these unnecessary deaths could have been averted had they read and implemented just some of what is in this manual. Or read about Rwanda.

So how does a highly skilled rifleman, who has a firearm, get murdered along with his family? This is not to imply that it is the victim’s fault, but just using some basic tactics could have saved a life. Special Forces skills, such as parachuting H.A.L.O: (High Altitude Low Opening), free fall, Diving; small raids; and little boats are just means of entry, yes they are fun and exciting, but still just a means of entry.

Once in; the operators’ rely on good basic soldiering techniques and tactics plus operational expertise acquired through training. Reading this manual Security and Survival will not make you a Special Forces soldier, but if you read it and keep some of the basic tenants and practice them then you will lower your risk profile and survive where many others may die.

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With regards to a self defence firearm, I am not brave enough to enter that arena. There are as many differing opinions as there are firearms that have been manufactured. It is sufficient to say, having a good firearm is conducive to your long term survival.

Be mindful of the fact; there are only two places one can keep a legal firearm. One is in a certified safe. If this is the case and you're going to keep your defense firearm in a gun safe all you really have is a chunk of metal in a box. Should a home invasion take place the next time you will see your gun is when it is pressed against your head.

The only other legal place a gun may be kept is on you; under your control. If you are going to have a defensive firearm, it has to be grafted to your body and you're Psych 24 hours a day, nothing less will do.

When and if you need a firearm it must already be in your hand cocked and locked. There is no such thing as a fast draw when faced with an assailant. A gun in the safe with an intruder in the home is as much use to you as the ground below and the sky above when an aviator is in difficulty.

The questions you must now ask yourself when reading this manual are:

Am I aware of the world around me?

Would I know the signals; and be able to interpret those signals?

Would I be able to move tactically through my house or area?

Am I skilled and trained enough to engage?

What is waiting for me at every tick of the clock?

Am I prepped, emotionally, physically, spiritually?

If you do something you may live. If you do nothing you have a very real chance of dying. If you read this manual you have done something, if it saves even one life then it has fulfilled its objective.

Stay safe

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INTRODUCTION

by John Weaver

Dr. Peter Hammond has done a great service to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He has ably and Scripturally laid out our duties and responsibilities in light of the Word of God and also in this crisis time of impending peril to the Church. Christians, missionaries, mission workers and those engaged in any ministry will benefit greatly from this book. ***The Security and Survival Handbook*** should be in the possession of every Christian and every church.

The Biblical doctrine of self defence is plainly set forth and clearly taught in ***The Security and Survival Handbook***. God's Law demands that we defend ourselves even to the point of taking life. The 6th commandment states, "*Thou shalt not murder.*" Life can only be taken on God's terms since He is the Giver of life. The positive side of the 6th commandment is "*Thou shalt preserve life.*" Thus, we are duty bound and obligated to do whatever is necessary to preserve our lives and the lives of others. The failure of self defence is a violation of the 6th commandment. The case law of Deuteronomy 22:23-27 clearly teaches that we must seek to defend and preserve life.

Look carefully at the plain and clear teaching of the Word of God. "*If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you. But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die: But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour and slayeth him, even so is this matter: For he found her in the field and the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her.*"

We must ask the question as to why the woman in the city was to be put to death along with the man and why in the field, only the man was to be put to death. The answer is given to us clearly. In the first instance, the woman did not cry out, therefore, she was consenting to the sin and she must suffer along with the man. In the second instance, the woman cried but since she was in the field, there was none to hear, or deliver her.

The implication is obvious. If the woman in the city had cried out, anyone who heard her would have been obligated to save her. The sixth commandment

is about the preservation of life. We have a duty, an obligation to preserve life even if it means taking the life of an attacker who is a threat to life.

A clear passage that sets forth the sin of not defending life is usually quoted by most preachers and Christians. The problem is that they take the verse out of context and do not realize the implications of the verse. Numbers 32:23: *“But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.”*

The context is plain. Moses is admonishing the tribes of Gad, Rueben and the half tribe of Manasseh who received their inheritance on the other side of Jordan. Moses tells those men plainly that if they will not fight, defend and help their brethren that is a sin!

Numbers 32:20-23: *“And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war and will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until He hath driven out His enemies from before Him, And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return and be guiltless before the LORD and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.”*

Unless you understand Biblical principles, you are not prepared to defend your life, your family, or the lives and families of others.

Dr. Hammond’s book goes further and deals with preparation in many areas of life. How desperately we need to learn Biblical preparation. Preparation is not opposed to faith; it is the demonstration of faith. Since we believe the Word of God; we obey and prepare. God sends us to the school of the ants in Proverbs. 6:6: *“Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.”* God admonishes us to consult with the beasts, the fowls, the fish and the earth in Job 12:7-8: *“But ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.”*

We must comprehend the fact that reality is not that which we think, believe, hope or endeavour to determine; reality is defined by God and by God alone. We are facing extremely dangerous and troublesome times and must act in obedience to our Lord when He commands us to *“be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves”* Matthew 10:16. We must be wise. We must be harmless until life is endangered. We must be prepared mentally, physically, emotionally, financially and above all; we must be prepared

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spiritually. Our spiritual preparation is found in obedience to the Word of God.

There are many areas of preparation listed in ***The Security and Survival Handbook***. You must read the book. You must learn. You must prepare yourself and your family. You must prepare your church and your mission.

There must be a word of caution. You will never be the same after reading this book. It leaves no room for neutrality. You will be compelled to embrace or reject its message. Reading this book will also make you more responsible and accountable to God. Remember, ***“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more”*** Luke 12:48.

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Get out of your comfort zone. You can climb mountains.



Obstacles are there to be overcome. You can do more than you think you can.
You can reach higher, go further and last longer than you can imagine.

Chapter 1

CHRISTIAN PREPAREDNESS in UNSTABLE TIMES

***“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself,
but the simple pass on and are punished.”*** Proverbs 22:3

It was not raining when Noah built the Ark. But Noah and his family survived the Flood by building the Ark and stocking it in obedience to God (Genesis 6:11-22). Abraham, Isaac and Jacob each enabled their families to survive successive famines by following the guidance of God and taking the appropriate steps (Genesis 12:10; 26:2,12-14). God led Joseph to use the years of plenty to store up sufficient grain to feed his people throughout the seven-year famine (Genesis 42:33-36).

“For man also does not know his time: like fish taken in a cruel net, like birds caught in a snare, so the sons of men are snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them.” Ecclesiastes 9:12

How prepared are you for crisis situations? Christians should wisely anticipate danger and make provision for times of scarcity. We are not to fear the future. We are to fear God alone. Yet we are warned to plan for the future and prepare ourselves for adversity.

“Watch, stand fast in the Faith, be brave, be strong.”

1 Corinthians 16:13

Security and Survival Workshop

To the increasing threats and attacks on Christians worldwide and to assist vulnerable Christians in threatened areas, Frontline Fellowship continues to design Security and Survival Workshops and Manuals. We are continuously developing comprehensive strategies to help churches set up security ministries and provide practical, hands-on training for farmers, families, congregations, Missions, ministries, Bible colleges and vulnerable communities. As a Mission of Christians from a military background, dedicated to serving persecuted Churches for over 35 years, we have experienced ambushes, aerial bombardments, rocket and artillery fire, thefts, terrorism, capture and imprisonment. Utilising lessons learned through these decades in conflict areas, we are offering training for Christians to be able to withstand and resist violent attacks and to survive in adverse circumstances. ***“But if anyone does not provide for his own and especially for those of his household, he has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*** 1 Timothy 5:8

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If strikes and civil strife caused your water and electricity supplies to be cut off, would you have alternative supplies? If your home or church is attacked by terrorists, would you know what to do? On a daily basis how secure are your loved ones and your possessions?

At this time of crime, violence, instability and increasing threats against Christians worldwide, it is necessary to be prepared.

“... ‘Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses.’” Nehemiah 4:14

May God be your strength and shield.

Yours for Faith and freedom

Dr. Peter Hammond

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With preparation, forethought and training,
you can survive in arid and inhospitable terrains.

Chapter 2

WHAT CAN WE DO to HELP PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS SURVIVE this TSUNAMI of VIOLENCE?

A Time of Violence

Missionary murdered in Malawi. Churches attacked in Congo and Central African Republic. Xenophobic mob murders against foreigners and brutal murders of farmers in South Africa. Islamic Al-Shabaab terrorists massacred over 140 students at a college in Kenya, specifically targeting Christians for beheadings. There have been attacks on churches and murders of pastors in Tanzania and threats by the Minister of Home Affairs to deregister churches who resist incorporating Shari'a changes to the Tanzanian constitution. Vicious attacks on over one thousand Christian communities and bombings of churches in Nigeria by Boko Haram Jihadists. There have been beheadings of Egyptian Coptic Christians and Ethiopian Christians by ISIS terrorists, shouting "Allah Akbar." These are only some of the recent high profile examples of a relentless war against Christians intensifying in Africa.

Beheading Christian Students in Kenya

Al-Shabaab Islamic terrorists murdered 148 people at Garissa University College in Kenya. Students who could recite the Quran in Arabic and answer specific questions about the name of Muhammad's mother and other indicators, of whether they were Muslim, or not, were spared. Those who were identified as Christians were singled out for beheading. There are rising demands throughout Kenya for all Somalians to be expelled from the country.

Serving the Suffering

As a Mission serving persecuted Christians throughout Africa over the last 35 years, we seek to speak up for and provide practical help to Christians on the frontlines in Northern Nigeria, South Sudan, the Nuba Mountains, the Congo, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, Tanzania, Burundi and Zambia, conducting Security and Survival Workshops, updating and expanding Security and Survival Manuals and other resources to educate and empower believers to be prepared and vigilant to resist and survive Islamic terrorism.

Security and Survival

I have given Security and Survival presentations at Mission stations, Bible colleges, to churches and communities, adapting the presentations and practicals for the particular congregations, missions, colleges or communities. We deal with what the Bible teaches, scenarios of potential threats, case studies of attacks on churches in the Nuba Mountains, Northern Nigeria, on churches and shopping centres in Kenya, etc. We take the people through practical strategies and tactics to prepare them for contingencies using multi-media and hands-on practicals. Switzerland is a good example of preparedness. If you want peace, prepare for war. Bad times are good for spiritual work. Our biggest enemy is apathy. Opposition can often make us stronger. When things are dark the light shines brighter. Amidst tremendous upheavals and violence, God's people are standing firm and persevering in Africa.

A Comprehensive Response is Needed

In addition to presentations at the Great Commission Course, we have presented Security and Survival Courses. We are developing a comprehensive strategy to help churches and colleges set up security ministries and provide practical hands-on training for farmers, families, congregations, missions, ministries, colleges and vulnerable communities.

Learning from Hard Experiences

As a Mission of Christians from a military background, dedicated to serving persecuted churches for over 35 years, we have experienced ambushes, aerial bombardments, rocket and artillery fire, thefts, terrorism, capture and imprisonment. Utilising lessons learnt through these decades in conflict areas, we are offering training for Christians to be able to withstand and resist violent attacks and to survive in adverse circumstances. ***“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.”*** Proverbs 22:3

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Evangelising in War Zones

We have worked amongst RENAMO freedom fighters in Mozambique, UNITA freedom fighters in Angola, SPLA soldiers in South Sudan and SPLA-N in the Nuba Mountains. We trained the Chaplains Corps and Medical Corps of South Sudan, provided Security training for Christians in many of these threatened areas, including Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan and Northern Nigeria. There is a desperate need for training and equipping Christians throughout Africa to be able to resist and withstand Islamic terrorist attacks. To this end, we believe that we can continue to save many lives and strengthen Christian resistance to terrorism with your practical help and fervent prayers.

You Can Help Us Save Lives

Any practical help that you can offer will be greatly appreciated. We need more people with the background and experience that can help conduct Christian Preparedness Seminars and workshops in the field. We need walkie-talkies with solar rechargers to provide communication systems for Christian workers in vulnerable areas, strong mosquito netting that can cover windows of churches and help resist grenade attacks, night vision equipment, binoculars, etc.

When Churches are Targeted

In just 5 years, (2010 - 2015) 1,000 churches were attacked in Northern Nigeria alone. Even in Kenya and Tanzania, which have majority Christian populations, churches are being targeted by Muslim Jihadists with grenade attacks. Churches are seen as soft and easy targets. It is not only churches which are being attacked. Farmers in South Africa face ongoing terror attacks. Throughout Africa we are seeing even remote Mission stations and Bible colleges needing to erect high fences, install security gates and burglar bars, even on chapels, as a result of increasing crime and violence in their areas. We need to educate and train Christians to prepare for just such scenarios and provide them with practical steps and workable strategies that they can use to lower their vulnerability and prepare their people to react effectively to neutralise threats.

Fear God Alone

We do not fear Islam or terrorism. We fear God alone. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7). Greater is He who is in us than him who is in the world (1 John 4:4). We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus who loves us (Romans 8:37). ***“Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and***

awesome and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses.” Nehemiah 4:14

Have a plan

Does your church or mission have a security committee or a person designated and responsible to consider likely scenarios and take the necessary steps to counter those dangers?

Personal Training

Do you have a regular sport or exercise routine to keep you fit, alert and healthy? Consider taking up a martial sport like fencing, sword fighting, target shooting, archery, practical pistol combat shooting, karate, kickboxing or judo. Start an archery club at school or church. Bring in specialists who can train your people in self defence skills.

Harden Your Target

Consider what you can do to strengthen the security of your home, church or mission. Better locks, security gates, motion sensitive spot lights, closed circuit video cameras, laminated windows, burglar bars, a perimeter fence or other measures. Prevention is better than a cure. What steps can you take to make your congregation or mission a less attractive target for terrorists?



“Fight the good fight of Faith.”

Chapter 3

HOW to be EFFECTIVE in MISSIONS WITHOUT BECOMING a VICTIM

There is no doubt that the harvest is very large and the workers are far too few. However, I have become increasingly concerned about how ill-prepared most mission volunteers are on entering the field. Also disturbing is how little discernment is evidenced in all too many cases.

Frustrations in the Field

Over the years, I have tried to give an honest and balanced report on the problems, frustrations and difficulties of the field, without unduly glamourising missions. Of course one wants to encourage and inspire fellow Believers to wholehearted commitment to world missions, but, even from the earliest years of Frontline Fellowship, I have felt the need to also issue words of warning and caution as to the real dangers and difficulties involved. The Lord warned us to count the cost and much of what I have heard in different missions conferences seem to be setting up well-meaning people for inevitable disappointment and even disaster.

Disappointments and Disasters

The tragic story of seven international missionaries being robbed and abused in Zimbabwe originally prompted me to write this article. Then the report back of one of our co-workers on his three and a half month mission to Congo impressed on me even further the importance of this article. The recent murder of a Missionary in Malawi emphasised the need even more seriously. We need mental toughness, emotional strength, spiritual discernment and a resilience to persevere in spite of the many discouragements, dangers, diseases, difficulties and deceptions looming in most fields.

Called and Commissioned

From the very first day that I heard the Gospel of Christ, 4 April 1977, I have been called to missions. For over forty years The Great Commission has been my supreme ambition. Starting with distributing Gospels of John door-to-door in Pinelands, being a Group Leader in Scripture Union Holiday Missions, teaching Sunday School, running Youth Groups and coffee-bar outreaches, ministering in old-age homes, mass literature distribution at railway stations and bus stops, then working in Hospital

Christian Fellowship, starting a Bible Study and Prayer Fellowship in the Army which met every night and led many soldiers to Christ, through to the launch of Frontline Fellowship, over 35 years ago, the last command of Christ has been my first concern. I have had the privilege of ministering in 36 countries, on four continents. This has involved well over 14,000 meetings, including many missions' camps and conferences and conducting Great Commission Courses.

Thefts and Threats

Certainly, in my 35 years' experience in foreign missions, I have experienced thefts and threats, not only from pagans, but from false brethren and false shepherds within the church. Right from my very first mission to Mozambique, in 1982, there were the greedy and malicious back stabbers and traitors quick to steal and to report our "illegal" Bible smuggling to the local communist commissar.

Turning Back and Giving Up

The trouble is, the vast majority of missionary volunteers give up before completing their first term in the field. Many short-term missionary volunteers go only once and whether because of negative experiences in cross-cultural confusion, misunderstandings, sickness or thefts, for one reason or another, fail to return to the field again. Enormous resources are being spent on training, preparing and transporting to the field missionary volunteers who do not persevere. They return home within weeks or months – never to venture into any mission field again.

Captured

In 1989 I led a team of 6 American medical missionary volunteers to Mozambique. Within days we were captured, arrested and imprisoned, mistreated by the SNASP Secret Police and incarcerated in solitary confinement at Machava Security Prison in Maputo. Not surprisingly, none of those volunteers have returned to the field since.

Perseverance

However, one of the American members of an Evangelism Explosion team that I took to Sudan in 2000 continued to return multiple times since, despite us being bombed by the Sudan Air Force on his first Sunday morning there. Another English volunteer who endured weeks of imprisonment with me in Lusaka Central Prison in 1987, returned as a Bible Translator missionary to Mozambique. This kind of perseverance has become all too rare.

Theft and Treachery

Of course, one expects persecution from anti-Christian, Marxist and Muslim regimes when working in Restricted Access Areas. However, most missionaries are not prepared for the blatant theft from those they have come to serve. Yet even missions dedicated to establishing hospitals and schools amongst desperately needy people have been cheated and attacked by the very communities they are seeking to serve, stolen from by staff and looted by the local community.

Even Jesus Had His Judas

We should not be too surprised. Even Jesus had His Judas amongst His twelve hand-picked Disciples. Although Judas was entrusted with the finances of the Apostles, he was a thief. Not only stealing from the Lord Himself, but even betraying Him for mere money.

Muggings and Manipulation

I know of all too many cases of missionaries who have faced muggings and manipulation in the field, threats and theft, being used and abused, not only from the local people to whom they were sent, but even by fellow Christians. Not only stolen from by local believers, but by fellow “missionaries” and “co-workers.”

Malice and Deceit

This may be a shock to many people wanting to get involved in missions. When I first became a Christian it never crossed my mind that someone could claim to be a Christian and yet be malicious or devious. Nor that we would not only be cheated and abused by local believers and fellow missionaries, but also by overseas ministries and churches. All too often there are those who do not pay their bills, fail to fulfil their promises, fail to keep up their end of the work load and run up huge expenses which they leave for the local missionary that they are meant to be “supporting” - while they return to engage in brilliant fund raising campaigns entirely built upon deception.

Pretence and Plagiarism

In dealing with guests from other ministries, we have sometimes been horrified by dishonest and unethical practices and claims. Some, who merely participated on one field outreach with our mission, have gone on to make incredibly extravagant claims in their fundraising letters and videos. One launched an entire ministry with an impressive fund raising campaign based entirely based on false claims and plagiarism. Pretending responsibility for Frontline Fellowship shipments and ministry activities in

Sudan, one individual, who was merely a junior guest of a large team with no significant ministry role, later claimed to have been the leader of the entire operation, quoting all of our statistics of Bibles delivered, ministry conducted and flights chartered as his accomplishments!

Exaggerations and a Lack of Ethics

Another individual, who came in on one Frontline Fellowship mission to Sudan and participated in the first few days of one of our Teacher Training Courses, leaving early, later claimed to have set up a couple of dozen schools in the area and requested funds for his “*staff*” there. Needless to say, none of the teachers or pastors in the area were aware of any such activity. On numerous occasions we have been asked to arrange flights for overseas “*missionaries*” who later have left us to pay all their bills without so much as a contribution. We have sponsored numerous “*poor pastors*” from third world countries to our training courses who, after accepting all our hospitality, have gone out to buy themselves expensive i-phones, video cameras, DVD machines and other luxuries.

Fantasies and Fool’s Errands

One needs to be aware of those who will happily send you on a fool’s errand. The book of Proverbs warns us about fools busy with some fantasy and unworkable project. There are people who want to live on your faith and want you to do their work for them. A mission in the hand is worth dozens of visions and concepts “*in the planning stage.*” They live by presumption – not by faith.

Honesty and Integrity

There is a desperate need for absolute honesty and integrity. We need to be people of our word. Say what you mean. Mean what you say. We need discernment, precautions and a basic understanding of security principles. Otherwise we could be guilty of sending out dedicated missionary volunteers who could fall victim to muggings, theft, rape and murder. All of this has happened to mission volunteers in the field.

Frauds and Scams

Then there are the financial scams from false brethren who pretend to have all kinds of ministries and exploit well-meaning Westerners with their slick fundraising letters and e-mails. As we actually travel to the field, we have been able to expose numerous of these “*pastors*” as the real pastors in the area have taken us to meet the well supported frauds in the local bar!

The Politics of Guilt and Pity

Then there are the cross cultural opportunists and exploiters who seek sponsorships to travel the world and attend various missions conferences, only to gather as many names and addresses and e-mails as possible in order to soak well-meaning, but naïve, Westerners with emotive fund raising scams. “*Can you just help with some money?*” Others try the politics of pity and guilt manipulation to get an American or European wife (and therefore a passport to the West): “*God told me to marry you...!*”

Guilt Manipulation

You would find it hard to believe how many times we have encountered cross cultural opportunists attempting to guilt manipulate some Western girl into marriage. Even “*pastors*”, who are already married! If you ever doubted the Biblical Doctrine of the depravity of man, you will find more than enough examples to verify it in the mission field and even at missions’ conferences.

Seek First God’s Kingdom

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. We need to seek first God’s Kingdom and His righteousness. The Great Commission must be our supreme ambition. Nothing must be allowed to distract or deviate us from that. We are called to build God’s Kingdom, not to enrich false brethren, false shepherds and false prophets. We are to have faith in God, not in human nature. We are to trust the Lord, not be gullible victims of con artists.

PT and Prayer

If we want to be effective in the Lord’s service, we need to protect our time and our limited resources from the unscrupulous and manipulative. Because of the abundance of free-loaders, who inevitably are attracted to the rich pickings and targets of opportunity, at missions’ conferences, we insist on early morning PT and prayer meetings to weed out those who have another agenda. Of course, false brethren are able to put on a good act, but we find that as our Great Commission Courses progress with daily PT and prayer meetings, outreaches and late-night hikes, we begin to see the real person under the veneer. Many give up early and flee real work and spirituality.

Test the Track Record

There is no substitute for track record. We need to test all things. It is remarkable how many “*pastors*” and “*bishops*” turn out to be Bible illiterates. We have found this when we have compelled them to complete our multiple-choice Bible Exam!

Learn To Discern

There are so many frauds, fools, con artists and opportunists seeking to take advantage of missions. A large percentage of funds earmarked for missions do not really reach the Lord's work because of the abundance of dishonest scams and unworkable schemes which manage to intercept, misdirect and hijack what is meant for God's service.

Shine the Light

This may not be a pleasant message to hear, or acknowledge, but it is the truth. The world should have already been evangelised and disciplined several times over, if everything that is being said to be done was actually being done. It is time for us to shine the light of God's Word on some of the shady dealings of professional fund-raisers and con-men who have found an abundance of gullible and naïve Christians to exploit under the guise of "missions".

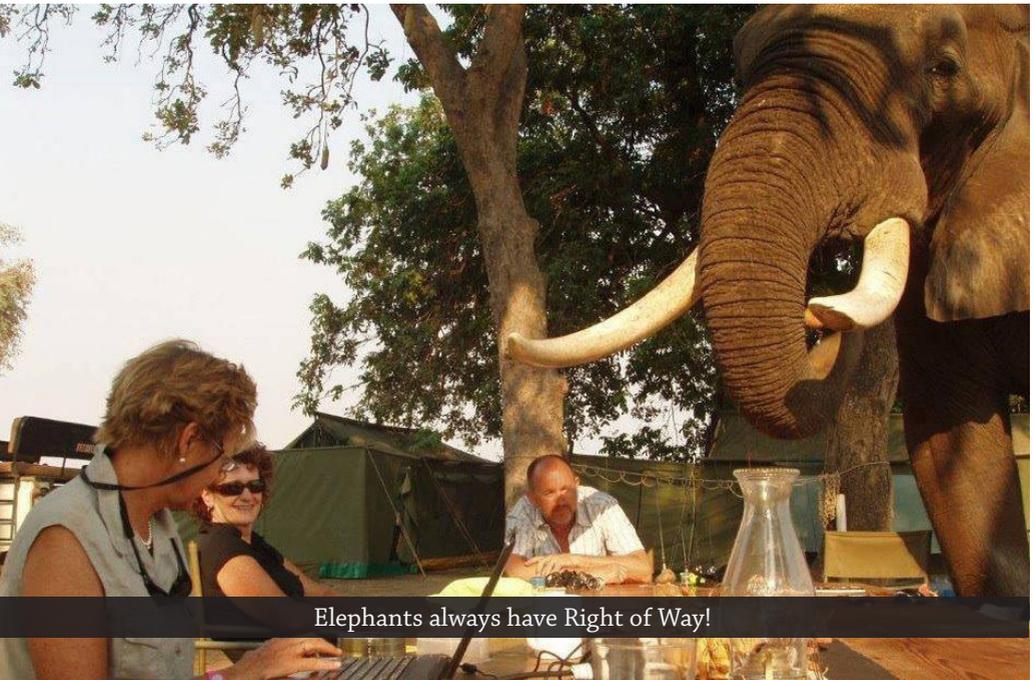
Watch and Pray

We owe it to our Lord Jesus Christ to be watchful and alert, wise and discerning, taking proper precautions to avoid becoming a victim, so that we can be effective in real missions.

"God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply." Hudson Taylor

"Only one life, it will soon be passed - only what's done for Christ will last."

C.T. Studd



Elephants always have Right of Way!

Chapter 4

EMERGENCIES and CRISIS SITUATIONS

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.”

Psalm 46:1-3

What could possibly go wrong?

The Bible records and warns of many crisis situations, natural disasters and man-made threats:

- Floods
- Famines
- Fires
- Earthquakes
- Epidemics
- Plagues
- Persecution
- Riots
- Theft
- Wars



Biblical Preparedness

“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.” Proverbs 22:3

“Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence...” Proverbs 3:25-26

“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise... Provides her supplies in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest.”

Proverbs 6:6-8

Christians are to wisely anticipate danger and to make provision for times of scarcity. We are not to fear the future. We are to fear God alone. Yet we are warned to plan for the future and to prepare ourselves for adversity.

“Yet man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward.” Job 5:7

“If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.”

Proverbs 24:10

“... we must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God.”

Acts 14:22

“We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed” 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

“Watch, stand fast in the Faith, be brave, be strong.”

1 Corinthians 16:13

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES for PROTECTION

Mental, Emotional and Spiritual Preparedness

“I know how to be abased and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:12-13

The will to win - determination - resilience - fighting spirit - is basic to survival.

“...tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword... Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Romans 8:35-37

To be Fore-warned is to be Forearmed

To be mentally and emotionally prepared for adversity and to cultivate spiritual discernment is essential. For this reason it is wise to subscribe to independent newsletters that will give you alternative viewpoints and additional information not normally found in the mass media. In particular I recommend that you subscribe to:

ASSIST News, PO Box 609, Lake Forest, CA 92609, USA

Email: <http://assistnews.net/index.php/contact-us>.

Web: www.assistnews.net

Christian Action, PO Box 23632, Claremont 7735, South Africa

Email: info@christianaction.org.za Web: www.christianaction.org.za

Frontline Fellowship News, PO Box 74, Newlands 7725, South Africa

Email: admin@frontline.org.za Web: www.FrontlineMissionSA.org



Mcalvany G2

<https://mcalvanyintelligenceadvisor.com/special-offers-Daily-G2>

Mcalvany Intelligence Advisor, P.O. Box 84904, Phoenix, AZ 85071, USA

Email: <https://mcalvanyintelligenceadvisor.com/contact>.

Web: www.mcalvanyintelligenceadvisor.com

World Magazine, P.O. Box 20002, Asheville, NC 28802, USA

Email: webeditor@wng.org. Web: www.world.wng.org

World Net Daily, WND, P.O. Box 1627, Medford, OR 97501, USA

Email: <http://www.wnd.com/contact-wnd/> Web: www.wnd.com

“Watch and pray”

Physical Fitness

Carefully build up and consistently maintain your physical strength and stamina by healthy eating habits and regular exercise (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). Regular walking, running, hiking, swimming, paddling, rowing and other exercises will help keep you physically fit and healthy.

“For bodily exercise profits...” 1 Timothy 4:8



It was not raining when Noah built the Ark.



Joseph used the years of plenty to store up sufficient grain to feed his people and all of Egypt through the 7 years of famine.

Chapter 5

CHRISTIAN PREPAREDNESS

***“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself;
the simple pass on and are punished.”*** Proverbs 27:12

It was not raining when Noah built the Ark. But Noah and his family survived the Flood by building the Ark and stocking it in obedience to God (Genesis 6:11-22). *“For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, like birds caught in a snare, so the sons of men are snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them.”* Ecclesiastes 9:12

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob each enabled their families to survive successive famines by following the guidance of God and taking the appropriate steps (Genesis 12:10; 26:2, 12-14).

God led **Joseph** to use the years of plenty to store up sufficient grain to feed his people throughout the 7 year famine (Genesis 41:33-36).

When **Lot’s** family were captured by an invading army, his uncle Abraham mobilised his 318 armed and trained servants to rescue them (Genesis 14:14-16).

The armed servants of **Abraham** and **Isaac** managed to restrain the murderous intentions of the Philistines (Genesis 26:15-22).

The armed servants of **Jacob** enabled his household to escape the exploitation of Laban (Genesis 31:17-24).

Armed defence played an important role in the early expansion of the Church. Not even the Roman peace (*Pax Romana*) was effective enough to protect travellers from murderous thieves. **Jesus** related a story of the brutal robbery of a traveller whose battered and bleeding body stirred the compassion of the Good Samaritan and at the Last Supper the Lord instructed His followers: *“...he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.”* Luke 22:36

“But if anyone does not provide for his own and especially for those of his household, he has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

1 Timothy 5:8

THE 4 G's of SURVIVAL: GROCERIES, GUNS, GOLD and GOD

Groceries

Famine has often been used by God as a form of judgement - through drought, war, riots and breakdown of the transportation infrastructure.

Just as Joseph stored up enough food to feed all of Egypt and much of the surrounding territories during the 7 years of famine, so too we should use times of plenty to make provision for the trying times that may lie ahead.

When shops are closed or empty and when water and electricity are cut off, some of the essential items needed will include:

- Large water containers including, if possible, containers to harvest water from your roof (and water purification methods).
- Large quantities of high protein food (canned meats, beans, rice, vegetables, soups, fruit, condensed milk and cooking oil).
- Vitamin tablets.
- Medical supplies for First Aid and chronic condition medication.
- A camping cooker with the necessary fuel.
- Candles, matches, torches, batteries and gas lamps for lighting.
- Soaps, disinfectants, plastic garbage bags for hygiene and sanitation.
- Tools of every sort.
- Fire extinguishers.
- Fuel reserves for your vehicles and generator.
- Solar panels.

See also: www.survivalblog.com

Guns

In a time of violence, crime and instability it makes sense to obtain firearms for personal and home defence. Training in the safe and efficient use of a firearm is essential. (Exodus 22:2; Numbers 32:20; Judges 5:8; 1 Samuel 13:19-22; Nehemiah 4:14; Luke 22:36; 1 Timothy 5:8)

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Some essential rules of firearm safety:

1. Always assume a weapon is loaded - never take anyone's word for it.
2. Always check a firearm to ascertain if it is loaded or not.
3. Check and clear your weapon before handing it to someone else.
4. Never point a firearm at anyone or anything unless you intend to destroy it.
5. Keep your firearm loaded, with safety catch on and on your person for quick access.

"Ignorance and a loaded weapon are a dangerous combination - but never blame the firearm!"

When handled correctly and responsibly: firearms can save lives and prevent crime.

Ideal weapons for home defence:

.38 revolver - for ladies or those inexperienced in firearm handling.

9mm pistol -for men with weapons training.

A pump action shotgun.

Be sure to stock adequate ammunition, have suitable holsters and a gun safe.

Gold

In the Bible we find many references to gold and silver. Gold has always been found to be an excellent medium of exchange. Gold is durable, portable and consistent and it has intrinsic value. Gold is real money, much more stable in value than paper currency or stock market investments.

In a world awash in debt, an economic recession is likely. In any recession governments try to re-float the sinking economy by resorting to inflation (a massive increase in paper money). In times of inflation and depression gold offers real long term value.

God

"...Do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!" Luke 12:4-5

Our trust must never be in our own strength, stores or strategies - our faith must be in our Sovereign God alone. The Word of God must be our constant source of inspiration, guidance and strength. God alone is all knowing, everywhere present and all powerful.

Security and Survival Handbook

When David walked into the valley to confront the giant Goliath he declared: "...You come to me with a sword, with a spear and with a javelin. But I come to you in the Name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." 1 Samuel 17:45

Although David was an extra-ordinary fighter who had successfully defended his sheep from both a bear and a lion he did not trust in his own abilities. Although he took the weapon he was most familiar with - the sling - he placed all his faith in the Lord alone.

The Great Russian writer Alexandr Solzhenitsyn survived many years in Stalin's Soviet Siberian concentration camps. He described the importance of spiritual strength in this way: *"The strength or weakness of a society depends more on the level of its spiritual life than on its level of industrialization. Neither a market economy nor even general abundance constitutes the crowning achievement of human life. If a nation's spiritual energies have been exhausted, it will not be saved from collapse by the most perfect government structure, or by any industrial development. A tree with a rotten core cannot stand."*

There is nothing more important than our personal relationship to God. If we are to survive the storms and floods of life then our lives need to be firmly rooted in obedience to the Word of God. Are you building your life upon the Rock or shifting sands? (Matthew 7:21-27).



On the day when it is needed, may God make you fast and accurate.

Chapter 6

FAITH and FIREARMS

“But if anyone does not provide for his own and especially for those of his household, he has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

1 Timothy 5:8

Fathers and husbands are required by Almighty God to provide for their families. This includes not only providing food, housing, clothing, education, medical care, love, discipleship and spiritual guidance, but also protection. Of what worth are all the other provision if one does not provide protection as well? Anyone who fails to provide for their family has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever. In fact, those who refuse to protect their young are worse than an animal. What animal will not fight to protect its offspring?

Our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples that: ***“He who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.”*** Luke 22:36

The Law of God is clear. ***“If the thief is found breaking in and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed.”*** Exodus 22:2

The Law of God establishes the basic right of self-defence. Any person is justified in defending himself, or his family, whenever they are attacked, or their lives are endangered. Any weapon is permissible for use in self-defence. The Law of God does not say that the home owner is guilty if he uses a sword, but innocent if he uses a club. The issue is not one of weapons, but the right and duty of self-defence.

Resistance to Tyranny

During a slide presentation at a church in America, the pastor objected to the Christians in Sudan taking up arms against the Sudanese government. He was much offended by the prevalence of firearms in the hands of Sudanese Christians. So I asked what Christians in America celebrate on the 4th of July? He seemed somewhat confused, so I reminded him that their Founding Fathers had unilaterally declared Independence from Great Britain on 4 July 1776. The British called it a rebellion.

The American colonists took up arms against the Crown because the British had failed to rule the Americans in accordance with Magna Carta of 1215 and the English Declaration of Rights of 1689. King George had

violated his coronation oath. The American Founding Fathers maintained that the British government was no longer an authority to be submitted to, but a tyrannical power to be resisted. How then could Americans object to Christians in Sudan doing what they had done in 1776?

Protecting our Families

I then pointed out that, in the entranceway to their church, they had a framed, colour picture on the wall, of early American settlers walking to church, carrying their rifles with their Bibles. I reminded him that many churches in America, in the 17th Century, fined men if they came to church without a musket! 1 Timothy 5:8 requires men to make provision for their family and declares that any who fail to do so deny the Faith and are worse than an unbeliever. Churches penalised men who showed such irresponsibility as to fail to carry a weapon for the defence of their family.

I then had to point out that Sudan, today, with slave raiders kidnapping children, burning crops, looting cattle, poisoning wells, destroying churches and crucifying pastors, is far more dangerous than America was in the 1600s.

Firearms and Ministries

Far from Christians in the previous centuries having an aversion to firearms, not only were swords and firearms freely brought into many church buildings, but the pastors were often some of the best shots in town. During the American War of Independence, many pastors served as officers in the Continental Army under General George Washington, fighting for Independence.

Firearms and Missionaries

Pioneer Missionary, William Carey, whose landmark book, *An Inquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathen* (the book which launched the modern missionary movement) listed as essential equipment for any missionary: “*Knives, powder and shot.*”

Pioneer Missionary and Explorer David Livingstone, who first landed in Africa in 1841, was well equipped with some of the most advanced weapons then available, including a six-barrelled revolver and a double-barrelled rifle. On occasion David Livingstone was compelled to use his weapons for protection and to persuade slave traders to set the captives free. At one point, after his party had been compelled to shoot back at Muslim slave traders, Livingstone responded to criticism saying: “*I love peace as much as any mortal man. In fact, I go quite beyond you, for I love it so much I would fight for it.*”

Bishop McKenzie, of the Church Missionary Society, was involved in several firefights against slave traders in the Shiri Valley of present day Malawi. He set many captives free.

Francis McDougal, the first bishop of Labuan, reported an attack by pirates in 1862: *“My double-barrelled torry’s breach loader proved a most deadly weapon, for its true shooting and certainty and rapidity of firing.”*

Many religious readers today would be shocked and horrified to read such reports in present day missionary newsletters. Perhaps the comfortable and prosperous surroundings that most Christians in the West have enjoyed for so long have blinded us to the harsh realities that most Christians throughout the centuries and in less fortunate parts of the world today, have had to face. An unBiblical pacifism has gripped many western Christians.

When world famous Cricketer, turned pioneer Missionary, C.T. Studd, undertook the first baptisms in a river in the Congo, he needed to warn off crocodiles with a revolver in one hand, while baptising the new converts with the other! C.T. Studd established his Heart of Africa Mission (what later became known as Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade (WEC) in the heart of cannibal country. He had been drawn to the Congo in response to a poster declaring: **Cannibals Need Missionaries!!**

Mary Slessor, pioneer Missionary to Calabar (modern day Nigeria), included *“maxim machine guns”* in her prayer letter request back to the home country. This was to counter the threat of slave raiders in Nigeria.

Adoniram Judson, America’s first foreign missionary to Burma, was captured on the high seas and incarcerated in a French prison, from which he escaped. Later he was imprisoned and tortured in a Buddhist prison in Burma for 18 months.

David Livingstone was mauled by a lion and endured multiple attacks on his life by slave traders.

John Paton, Missionary to the cannibals in New Hebrides islands, described being encircled by cannibals *“in a deadly ring and one kept urging another to strike the first blow.”*

Faith and Action

Missionaries such as these faced dangers which we can hardly imagine. We should not be too quick to judge and condemn others for doing what

the Bible commands us to do – to take reasonable precautions for self-defence and for the protection of their families. Yes, of course, the primary weapons of missionaries are the Bible, prayer, faith and persuasion. Just as our primary spiritual food is the Word of God. But that does not stop us planting seeds, harvesting crops, shopping and preparing food!

Christians must be balanced and we need to recognise that sin comes from the heart of man (Mark 7:21-23). There is no point blaming a tool, a cold metal inanimate object, for the evil in men's hearts.

Pacifism is in defiance of historic Christian teaching. The 39 Articles, the foundational statement of the Church of England, states clearly in Article 37: *"It is lawful for Christian men to carry weapons."*

The Westminster Catechism, considered the finest expression of Biblical teaching, states under the 6th Commandment that the prohibition against murder requires as our duty: *"All careful studies and lawful endeavours to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting, by just defence, against violence, protecting and defending the innocent."* (Q135).

"Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked." Proverbs 25:26

The first president of America, George Washington, declared: *"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence. To secure peace, security and happiness, the rifle and the pistol are equally indispensable. The very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains evil interference. They deserve a place of honour with all that is good."*

Switzerland's Strategy for Survival

If you want peace, prepare for war. Peace is achieved through superior firepower. This sums up the Swiss attitude towards peace and freedom. The land of William Tell, Ulrich Zwingli, William Farel and John Calvin, with its deep mistrust of central governments, its abiding love for God's Word and for life and liberty, remain a bastion of freedom through armed neutrality.

"The nation will continue to exist only if it is strong enough to defend itself."
"We have a small army, yes, but it is made strong by our traditions." General Guisan in his book: *"Our People and its Army"* asserted that military defence has two essential components – moral force and material force. A young man at his Confirmation received a sword and could not marry unless he possessed a Bible and a firearm. The local assemblies of lawmakers each

carried a sword as a symbol of liberty when they gathered for legislation. Days of military recruitment were festivals with processions, flags and music. Being capable of military service is a physical certificate of health. The warrior spirit exhibits itself in the arts, literature and architecture. The army is the incarnation of the federal republic. The people are the army, the army is the people. The army provides education for citizenship. *“We owe it to our ancestors, always appreciate freedom and independence...It is better to die than to live in slavery!”*

The Swiss Shooting Federation (SSV) was formed in 1824: *“To the promotion and perfection of the art of sharpshooting, an art beautiful in itself and of the highest importance for the defence of the Confederation.”* Shooting festivals became one of the most important unifying activities in the community. It has always been Switzerland’s high level of military preparedness, as a nation of sharpshooters on skis that has proved an effective deterrent to would-be aggressors.

Switzerland is the only European nation which has proclaimed that, in the event of an invasion, any announcement of surrender is to be regarded as enemy propaganda, that every soldier must fight to the last cartridge and then with the bayonet. Their published and openly proclaimed military strategy is to make any invader pay a severe penalty for violating their neutrality. The standing order is: Keep fighting. No surrender. No retreat. Fight to the last bullet and blade. Any officer ordering a surrender is a traitor and is to be shot.

Foundations for Freedom

To limit a person’s access to lethal weapons is to limit his ability for self and family defence. Weapons control interferes with our basic right and responsibility for self-defence. Ultimately gun control can deprive you of your right to life. The right of citizens to use lethal force to defend themselves is a great deterrent to thieves and attackers.

Those who choose not to have firearms still benefit from those who do. If only one in twenty people are armed, it still acts as a restraint on potential attackers who are not certain who is armed and who is not. The deterrent value of armed citizens against crime cannot be overestimated.

“Do not be afraid of them, remember the Lord, great and awesome and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses.” Nehemiah 4:14

From these and many other, passages of Scripture (including Numbers 32:20; Judges 5:8; 1 Samuel 13:19-22), we can see that a man is responsible to be armed and prepared to protect his household. **“A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted well.”**
Proverbs 25:26

The Deadly Deception of Pacifism

When these Scriptural principles are ignored the results can be tragic:

The Christians at the Elim Mission Station in Rhodesia were such convinced pacifists that, even within a few kilometres of Marxist Mozambique during a vicious war, they refused to be armed. They had neither fence, nor dogs to protect them. They refused to allow the security forces to station some guards for their protection. When communist terrorists visited Elim, the missionaries provided them with food and medical supplies.

On one fateful night, in 1979, ZANLA terrorists of Robert Mugabe herded the nine missionaries and four children onto one of the fields. In front of the parents, they hacked the children to death. Then, in front of the husbands, they raped and tortured the women to death. Finally, they brutally murdered the men. Yet, so effectively had their pacifist beliefs neutralised them that there was no attempt at resistance. The men stood by and watched ruthless terrorists butcher and abuse their loved ones.

In November 1987 a similar massacre took place at New Adams farm in Zimbabwe. Their sincere belief in pacifism disarmed the 16 precious Christians and made them helpless victims to a frightful slaughter.

English Legal Tradition

English legal tradition has always recognised the right of free citizens to possess and carry weapons for self-defence. King Alfred the Great (871 - 899) laid the foundation for English law. The Ten Commandments of Exodus 20 formed the preamble for these laws. While abuses, such as disturbing a meeting by drawing a sword, were prohibited – the basic right to bear arms was entrenched.

The laws of King Cnut (1020 - 1023) declared self-defence to not only be a right, but a duty. Those who failed to assist a person under attack were to be fined. Similarly, anyone who *“illegally disarms a man”* were to be fined.

Magna Carta of 1215, the first written restriction on the powers of government and the grandfather of all Bills of Rights, guaranteed the right of all free men to bear arms.

The English Declaration of Rights of 1689 recognised “*the right of having and using arms for self-preservation and defence.*” Other free states entrenched this right to obtain, own, carry and use weapons for self-defence, including most notably the United States of America and its Bill of Rights. So important and basic was this considered by the American Founding Fathers that they placed it in the Second Amendment – straight after religious freedom!

If these foundational principles for freedom seem extreme, or outdated, then consider recent history:

Rwanda was a Gun Free Zone

On 6 April 1994, one of the most dreadful campaigns of mass murder was unleashed upon the Tutsi people of Rwanda. In just over 6 weeks more people were killed with machetes and clubs than had died from atomic weapons in all of history. The MRND Hutu government of Rwanda instigated, organised and launched the systematic slaughter of the Christian Tutsi minority after enforcing a rigorous gun control. As the population had been previously disarmed, they were helpless to defend themselves against the state which now had a monopoly of weapons. Over 800,000 Tutsi Christians were murdered.

The confiscation of weapons made the massacres possible - by disarming the targeted victims. The holocaust in Rwanda again confirmed that limiting the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families is an open invitation to criminals to attack the innocent.

Gun Control Precedes Genocide

The genocides perpetrated upon the Christian Armenians in Ottoman Turkey from 1915 - 1917 were preceded by gun control and gun confiscation. The massacres of Christian peasants in the Soviet Union from 1929 - 1953 were preceded by gun control and gun confiscation. The massacres against Christians and anti-communists in Red China from 1949 - 1976; against Christians in Uganda from 1971 - 1979; against anti-communists and educated people in Cambodia from 1975 - 1979; and Christian Tutsis in Rwanda in 1994 were all preceded by gun control legislation, which effectively disarmed the targeted victims.

The Greatest Killer

A gun free sticker would not have helped these people, because the greatest threat to life is not from firearm accidents, nor even from criminals. The greatest killer in the 20th Century was secular governments who had disarmed their own citizens. Approximately 160 million people were killed

by their own governments, in over 40 communist states, just in the 20th Century alone. These were not foreigners killed by invading armies during times of war, these were citizens killed by their own governments - mostly in times of peace.

Tyrants Prefer Unarmed Victims

Gun control deprives potential victims of their best means of protection. A free people need to be armed. Disarmed people can be easily exploited and oppressed. If a government does not trust its citizens with weapons, then the citizens cannot trust the government with power. A government that fears its people is itself to be feared. No government should ever have a monopoly of force or weaponry.

Deal with the Murderer

The underlying arguments for gun control seem to be that the availability of weapons causes crime. But this has not been the Biblical position. Genesis 4 records the first murder when Cain killed Abel. God's response was not to ban rocks, knives, clubs, or whatever murder weapon may have been used, but to banish the murderer. It is the murderer's heart that is the problem, not the weapon used.

In Genesis 9:5-6, God instituted capital punishment for murder. ***“Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.”*** This death penalty for murder was repeatedly restated (Exodus 21:12-15; Leviticus 24:17-22; Numbers 35:33; Matthew 5:17-18; Acts 25:11; Romans 13:1-4; Revelation 13:10).

However, nowhere does the Bible advocate weapons control. The Bible does record the control of weapons by the Amalekites and the Philistines (Judges 5:8 and 1 Samuel 13:19-22) but it condemns these restrictions on individual defence as a pagan attempt to centralise excessive power.

A Bad Workman Blames his Tool

If firearms caused crime, then Switzerland would be a violent, lawless country, because most citizens have weapons of war stored in their home. Yet, despite having millions of military type rifles and a great many other firearms and weapons of war in private homes, overall firearm abuse is so low as to be insignificant and Switzerland has the lowest burglary and murder rate in the industrialised world. How many mass murders take place in gun shops, on shooting ranges, or in police stations, where firearms abound?

More Guns - Less Violence

Also, in 1945, at the end of the Second World War, when tens of millions of soldiers returned to their homes, with millions of surplus firearms sold on the open market (the South African government were selling .303 rifles for just R2 each) and hundreds of thousands of captured souvenir weapons, there was actually a sharp decline of violent crime in the USA, Britain, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Lawlessness Leads to Violence

However, later, with the advent of “*the permissive society*” and as church attendance decreased, along with the explosion of the drug culture and the sexual revolution – then violent crime increased. Clearly, guns do not cause crime. People in rebellion against the Laws of God cause crime and violence.

Gun Free is No Guarantee

Nevertheless, we in South Africa have an organisation called Gun Free South Africa which regularly claims that: “*a person who uses a firearm in self-defence is more likely to be shot than someone who does not*” and “*the cases of people attacked and robbed of their guns – and often shot with their own guns – far outnumbered occasions when somebody successfully defends themselves with a gun*”!!! (*Loaded Issues*, GFSA leaflet). The same leaflet asserts that criminals are more likely to attack armed victims!

Criminals Prefer Unarmed Victims

These incredible assertions are decisively refuted by the facts. A US Department of Justice report on a *Survey of Incarcerated Felons* found that the greatest deterrent to crime is armed citizens. 60% of convicts agreed that they would never attempt to rob a victim if they thought that he or she might be armed. 74% declared that their greatest fear was being shot by a victim. 57% stated that they feared armed citizens more than police. Every year, armed citizens legally shoot four times more criminals than do policemen.

Crime Control

An American study, *Crime Control* by Gary Kleck, reported that a million times a year US citizens use firearms to defend themselves against criminals and to prevent a crime (2,740 times a day). In 98% of these cases, the mere brandishing of the firearm proved sufficient to deter the attacker. Only in 2% of the cases did the citizen find it necessary to kill, or wound, the criminal. Gary Kleck began his studies as a gun control advocate, yet, after his research, became convinced that it was counterproductive. He now opposes government interference in the rights of citizens to obtain and use firearms for self-defence.

A Rapist's Nightmare

A US Justice Department study of more than 32,000 rapes or attempted rapes, found that the best protection against rape is for a woman to be armed. When a potential victim of rape was armed with a firearm, or a knife, only 3% of the attempted rapes succeeded (*Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, Rape Victimisation*).

Resistance Increases Chances of Survival

A South African study, by John Mann of SAGA, researched 206 cases of armed private defence (not including police or military personnel) in the Gauteng area. In summary he calculated: 677 attackers to 246 defenders/victims; 81% of attackers had weapons, 71% had firearms. 36% of the attackers were killed, or arrested, by the defenders. 64% of the attackers fled. Only four armed defenders/victims died (confrontational survival rate of 31 to 1). No bystanders/innocent parties were injured by actions taken by the defenders. In his conclusion, Mann observed: Potential victims can expect multiple attackers. When an intended victim has used a firearm in defence, four out of ten attackers were killed, or arrested; six out of ten attackers ran away. When an armed victim resists, their chances of surviving the attack are increased by 31 times (3,100%).

More Guns – Less Crime

John Lott of the University of Chicago law school conducted an exhaustive study on the relation of firearm ownership to crime. His 18 years of thorough research of all the data, for over 3,000 counties of the United States, was published under the title: *“More Guns, Less Crime: Understanding Crime and Gun Control Laws.”*

No Most People are not Killed by Friends and Family

Lott's scholarly study exposes the falsehood and folly of many Gun Free SA guestimates, claims and assertions. For example, GFSA claim that most people are killed by a friend, family member, or someone they know. The often quoted statistic is that 58% of murder victims are killed by an acquaintance. What most people do not realise is that this so-called *“acquaintance murder”* category includes gang members killing other gang members, drug buyers killing drug pushers, taxi drivers being killed by customers they picked up for the first time, prostitutes and their clients and so on.

Zero Tolerance

The vast majority of murders are not committed by previously law-abiding citizens. 90% of adult murderers have had previous criminals' records as adults. It was this fact that led the New York Police Commissioner

to institute the successful *Zero Tolerance* campaign that dramatically decreased the incidences of crime in New York City. They observed that serious violent crime was committed by people who had committed a wide variety of minor crimes first. To counteract this early contempt for the law, New York police now deal severely with all breaches of the law – to instil an early respect of the law and for the rights of others.

Concealed Carry Deters Crime

John Lott documented in his comprehensive study that states with the largest increases in gun ownership also have the largest decreases in violent crime. Those states that allow adults to carry concealed handguns have seen a consistent annual decrease in murders, rapes and robberies. As more people obtain concealed carry permits there is a greater decline in violent crime rates. This he attributes to the fact that criminals are deterred by higher penalties and the most significant deterrent for a criminal is the possibility of being shot by a victim. Lott also documented that each additional woman carrying a concealed handgun reduces the murder rate for women by about three to four times more than an additional man carrying a concealed handgun reduces the murder rate for men.

Violence Predates Firearms

Gun Free South Africa advocates imaginatively promote the “*dream... of a country where there are no guns.*” The suggestion that violence would magically decrease if we could only have gun control reveals an ignorance of both history and human nature. Of course, history records that violence was prevalent prior to the invention of firearms in the 15th Century! Attila the Hun, Genghis Khan and Shaka Zulu managed to kill millions of people without firearms.

The Sharp and Blunt Facts

In fact, contrary to the impression created by GFSA, most murders in South Africa do not involve firearms at all. Knives and other sharp objects and clubs are used to murder more South Africans than firearms do. Does GFSA suggest we ban all knives, sticks and rocks?

E-TV Debate

This was very humorously demonstrated during a TV debate that I took part in with a judge who supported GFSA. The interview took place at the E-TV studios in downtown Cape Town. The judge, answering the question as to how he got involved in supporting Gun Free South Africa, said that he had been involved in dealing with the brutal Baines Kloof murder some years ago. It was a terrible, gruesome murder he said. “*Although it didn’t*

actually involve firearms” he noted! In fact, the terrible way in which they were suffocated in plastic bags made him wonder whether it wouldn’t have been more merciful had they been murdered by firearms. Nevertheless, he realised that *“something had to be done”* to outlaw firearms!!

The Big Question

On another TV interview on SABC2, *The Big Question*, I was debating Rev. Alan Storey of Gun Free South Africa. When the interviewer asked me to justify my position I quoted a number of Scripture verses mandating self-defence and family defence. The interviewer turned to Alan Story and said *“Well, Peter has quoted a number of Scripture verses in support of his position. What verses from the Bible can you quote to support Gun Free South Africa’s position?”*

Rev. Storey spluttered and stammered. *“Well, actually, there aren’t any”* he admitted. *“But, not everything in the Bible is Biblical!”* As the studio audience exploded in laughter, he added: *“Well, what I mean is not everything in the Bible is Christian!”* There was even more laughter and I responded: *“What kind of theology is this?”* Sometimes one’s opponents in a debate destroy their own arguments more effectively than you can do!

Some people do use firearms for evil purposes, but far more people use firearms for defensive purposes - to prevent crimes from being committed.

Children Injured by Guns

On another occasion, I was debating two Gun Free South Africa advocates in Cape Town in a public meeting. Dr. Van As, of the Red Cross Children’s Hospital, called for tougher gun laws because he was sick and tired of treating children wounded and crippled by gun fire. This was the first time that I had heard this argument, so, in trying to understand the situation, I asked him: *“How many of these children are gang members or criminals that were shot by police, or in self-defence, by victims of their crimes?”* His answer was: *“All of them!”*

Later, upon investigation, I found out that only four patients that month at the Red Cross Children’s Hospital were gunshot victims and almost all of those were from illegal guns in the hands of gangsters, numerous of the patients were actually gang members themselves.

The Main Causes of Injury to Children

It does not seem logical to disarm licensed firearm owners when they are not even the problem. But further research revealed that the vast

majority of casualties admitted to the Red Cross Children's Hospital that year were for falls (2,338 cases), motor vehicle accidents (1,030), burns (532), assault with blunt or sharp instruments (208) and poisoning (744). Even dog bites (91) were more numerous than firearm wounds (50) for that year.

Vastly more children die each year from bicycle accidents, car accidents and drownings than from firearms. Children are 1,450% more likely to die of a car accident than from a firearm. Should we outlaw all motor vehicles? During the height of the Gun Free South Africa campaign I wrote the following letter styled on GFSA arguments, which was published in a number of newspapers in the country:

Car Free South Africa

Every day the newspapers, the radio and television carry stories of yet more South Africans killed, or maimed, by one of the most dangerous weapons that the state allows our private citizens to possess.

Children are mown down in front their schools and homes and others are orphaned, when their parents fall victims to these same instruments of death. Doctors in emergency units in hospitals countrywide are daily inundated with victims. Last year there were 511,605 incidents involving these lethal devices. In these incidents 7,260 lost their lives, 21,265 sustained major traumas and a further 52,097 were fortunate to escape with only minor injuries.

Every day too, the media reports yet more of these dangerous devices stolen from their rightful owners by criminals. Many of these are subsequently used in the commission of robberies, cash-in-transit heists, hijackings and murders. The number of unlicensed or in-illegal-possession is impossible to estimate. Even those in the possession of law-abiding citizens have led to lethal accidents.

All too often we read of children that use their parent's vehicle to show off and, who through unfamiliarity, lack of training, or negligence, kill themselves, their brothers or their friends.

It can be argued that law-abiding citizens derive pleasure from these lethal implements and that many people are collectors that own them for their aesthetic appeal, or as investments. Others require them in the course of their daily work, or involved in one of the many sports that use them. Yet, despite the rising death toll and injuries, caused by these lethal weapons on our streets and the horrific and graphic images that assault us daily in the media, the numbers of vehicles in the hands of South Africans continues to increase.

*The proliferation of these lethal devices should be of major concern to all citizens, yet figures show that last year 859,752 new licences were issued in South Africa. Data on the number of vehicles in the hands of police and other government departments are less readily available. Each year, more people are killed by motor vehicles in South Africa than by firearms. **Should we outlaw all cars?***

Improve Safety Features

No, the solution to the horrific carnage on the roads is not to ban motor vehicles, but to improve safety features in vehicles, to educate drivers, promote the use of seat belts and severely punish drunken or reckless driving. As with motor vehicles, it would not be right to erode everyone's rights, or to take away everyone's freedom, because of the criminal activities and carelessness of some.

Doctors Kill More People than Firearms Do

Actually, vastly more people die of medical malpractice each year than from firearms. The American Medical Association recognised that 93,000 patients die each year due to medical malpractice by doctors. Another 110,000 patients die from unforeseen reactions to prescribed medicines. We can also add the number of babies killed by doctors through abortion. Approximately 80,000 babies are killed by abortion, legally, with tax payers' money, in South Africa alone, each year. In the light of the fact that doctors kill far more people each year than firearms do, it seems very hypocritical for any medical officer to blame a cold, metal inanimate object, a tool, for the evil that some people do.

Armed Citizens Save Lives

However, we recognise that doctors save more lives than they take. And that is exactly the same for motor vehicles and firearms. Transport carries life-giving food and medicines to those who most need it and patients to hospitals where they will be treated. Every day countless crimes are prevented, hundreds of potential victims are protected and many tragedies are averted, by armed citizens. Armed citizens save lives, but unarmed citizens all too often become helpless victims.

When three PLO terrorists opened fire on a café in Jerusalem, they were promptly shot by armed bystanders. The one wounded, surviving, terrorist was recorded as complaining: "*We were never told that the civilians in Israel were armed!*"

It is every man's duty to be armed and prepared to protect the innocent and to defend the defenceless. May God enable us to be fast and accurate.

“But if anyone does not provide for his own and especially those of his household, he has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

1 Timothy 5:8

Crime Control vs Firearm Control

Studies from the United States clearly demonstrate that attempts to limit the rights of law abiding citizens to obtain, own, carry, conceal or use firearms for self-defence only result in increased crime. The facts speak for themselves:

- **Washington DC** which has the most restrictive “gun control” laws also has the highest murder rate in the USA.
- States where firearms are easily available have the lowest incidence of burglary, assault, rape or murder. For example: **Virginia Beach; Boise, Idaho** and **Colorado Springs** which have well-armed populations and minimal restrictions on firearm ownership have the lowest murder rates in the country.
- Since **Florida** legalised the carrying of concealed firearms in 1987 the homicide rate there decreased dramatically.
- **Oregon’s** murder rate decreased 21% after the carrying of concealed firearms was legalised in 1989.
- A **Justice Department** study found that the best protection against rape is for a woman to be armed. When a potential victim of rape was armed with a firearm or knife, only 3% of the attempted rapes succeeded (Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, *Rape Victimization*, 1979).
- In **Orlando**, Florida, following a highly publicised series of police safety courses conducted for women on how to handle firearms - the incidence of rape decreased by 88% in Orlando. Yet in the rest of the USA the rape rate remained constant.
- When the suburb of **Kennesaw**, in Atlanta, passed a law requiring every household to keep at least one firearm, the burglary rate decreased 89%. And murders decreased to zero!
- A million times a year US citizens use firearms to defend themselves against criminals and prevent a crime (2,740 times a day). In 98% of these cases the mere brandishing of the firearm proved sufficient to deter the attacker. Only in 2% of the cases did the citizen find it necessary to kill or wound the criminal. (*Crime Control*, by Gary Kleck, published in *Social Problems*, 1988).

- A US Department of Justice report, “*A Survey of Incarcerated Felons*” (1985), found that the greatest deterrent to crime is armed citizens. 60% of convicts agreed that they would never attempt to rob a victim if they thought he or she might be armed. 74% declared that their greatest fear was being shot by a victim. 57% stated that they feared armed citizens more than the police. Armed citizens legally shoot 4 times more criminals than policemen do, every year.
- When the USA had mandatory **capital punishment** for all murderers, the incidence of murder was less than 1 per 100 000. After abolishing the death penalty the incidence of murder increased to over 10 per 100 000 inhabitants per year. Now with the limited re-introduction of capital punishment (less than 20 murderers are executed each year - while 20 000 people are murdered every year) the murder rate has decreased slightly to just over 9 per 100 000. Clearly firearms do not cause crime. Criminals cause crime.

Limiting the ability of law abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families does **not** lead to a decrease in crime. Instead “gun control” deprives potential victims of their **best means of protection**. Disarming the law abiding only serves the purpose of the criminal by making his “working environment” safer - for crime. Instead of firearm control we need **crime control** - by re-instituting mandatory **capital punishment** for all first degree murder and rape, **restitution** for theft and full recognition of the right of citizens to obtain, own, carry and use **firearms** for personal and family defence.

Unarmed Citizens Become Helpless Victims

16 October 1991, George Hennard drove his truck through a cafeteria window in Kilene, **Texas**. He then shot and killed 23 people (including himself), in the 4 minutes before the police could respond. More tragic than the massacre itself, is the fact that it could have been prevented if one citizen had had a gun. Instead, he found a cafeteria full of one hundred unarmed, helpless people. One of them was Dr. Suzanne Gratia. She is upset with restrictions on carrying a gun with good reason. On that day Dr. Gratia was in the cafeteria eating lunch with her parents. She had carried a gun in the past but had now been forced by anti-gun laws to leave her gun in the car. So when Hennard walked by her table, there was nothing she could do. She was forced to watch her parents get shot. “*We were sitting ducks*”. Gratia later said: “*Someone legislated me out of the right to protect myself and my loved ones.*”

Armed Citizen Saves Lives

Another incident occurred in **Alabama** two months later, when a restaurant patron shot two armed robbers. Thomas Terry saved the lives of more than 20 people when he used his concealed firearm to shoot the two attackers. Gun-control laws do not affect criminals, but they do affect the ability of the law-abiding to defend themselves against criminals.

Freedom Requires Armed Citizens

As Larry Pratt, executive director of **Gun Owners of America** has declared: *“A free people need to be armed. Disarmed people can be easily exploited and oppressed. If a government doesn’t trust its citizens with weapons then the citizens cannot trust the government with power. A government that fears the people is itself to be feared. For this reason a government should never have a monopoly of force or weaponry.”*

The Police Cannot Protect Everyone All the Time

During the **Los Angeles riots** the LA police actually fled and abandoned the inner city to the gangs. Only those stores which were protected by armed shop owners escaped being looted and destroyed by mobs. There are not enough policemen to guarantee 24 hour protection for every citizen. As we live in a fallen world, we need to be able to defend ourselves and our families.

If You Want Peace Prepare for War

Armed citizens in the **Philippines** and **Guatemala** have successfully protected their neighbourhoods from rising crime waves and concerted attacks by communist insurgents. By getting armed, prepared and organised these citizens restored law, order and security to their areas. **Israel** and **Switzerland** - where almost every male citizen has an automatic assault rifle in his home - have the lowest burglary and murder rates in the Western world.

The Spiritual Crisis

Yet this social and political crisis and this moral dilemma are only symptomatic of the **root cause** - the spiritual crisis. The underlying source can be found in the **doctrinal confusion** in our Theological Seminaries, the **Biblical ignorance** of the average church-goer, the **selfishness** of most in our society and the **paralysing passivity** that pervades our people.

It is not only that many Christians are unarmed and confused even as to whether they may protect a family member from rape and murder. All too many who call themselves Christians have **unilaterally disarmed**

themselves in other ways as well. How many of us have given up our shield of **Faith** (the inerrancy of Scripture and the Deity of Christ); the **Sword** of the Word (the knowledge and application of Scripture); our **armour** (the breastplate of righteousness - Ephesians 6:14-17); our **knowledge** of the truth (understanding the times - Hosea 4:6; 1 Chronicles 12:32); and even the **education** of our young (the arrows which God has placed in our hands are generally handed over to the pagans to shape and fill their minds - Psalm 127:3-5).

As a result all too many of us have become ill-informed, ignorant, faithless, unprepared, ineffective and defenceless. We need to **return** to God in **repentance**, **recommit** ourselves to the inerrancy of the Bible and Deity of Christ, **renew** our minds by studying the Word of God afresh, **re-arm** ourselves with the Biblical principles for every area of life and an understanding of the issues of our day, **rebuild** Biblical values into our families, education, entertainment, news media, law courts and government, work for **Reformation** and pray for **Revival** in our land.

“I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before Me in the gap on behalf of the land so that I would not destroy it...” Ezekiel 22:30



If you want peace prepare for war.

Chapter 7

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES for PROTECTION

Depending on your particular needs and situation, choose from some of the following suggestions those measures that would best suit you:

SECURING YOUR HOME

1. The BOUNDARY of your property:
 - High **walls** topped with **spikes**, or **fences** with **razor wire**, around the perimeter
 - A **locked gate**
 - External **lights**, especially solar powered motion sensitive spot lights.
 - **Dogs** that bark and bite are an effective deterrent
 - Loose **gravel pathway** that makes a quiet approach to your home difficult.
2. The WALLS, WINDOWS and DOORS of your home:
 - Sturdy **burglar bars** over strong window frames
 - **Plasticised windows** that can withstand rocks and clubs.
 - **Thorn bushes**, or cactuses, under windows to deny that area to intruders.
 - Sturdy doors with adequate locks/**deadbolts**. If your key security is compromised a **bolted door** prevents lock picks - or those who have acquired a copy of your keys to enter silently.
 - **Security gates** over doorways
 - Lockable bedrooms/sleeping area
3. Additional principles for PERSONAL SECURITY:
 - Keep a **flashlight** by your bedside.
 - Keep a loaded **firearm** by your bedside.
 - Keep a **fire extinguisher** in your bedroom.
 - In a large home you could also separately secure your sleeping area with a security gate.
 - Perhaps you could install an alarm system, or motion sensors, in some areas. Solar panel powered motion sensitive spot lights keep working when you have a power failure.
 - Lock the trap door to your roof.

- Install a phone line in your bedroom, or keep your cell phone by your bed. **Programme into your phone key emergency numbers** for easy use in the dark.
- **Memorise** your local armed response Security Company, police and flying squad phone numbers so that you can phone for help without switching on the lights.
- Keep a list of **emergency numbers** by each phone (including: Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance and Doctor). Programme your cell phone with emergency numbers, neighbours numbers and family members.
- Install a hidden and **fire-proof safe** in which you can store your valuables.
- Keep **copies** of your valuable documents at another secure location.

4. FAMILY SECURITY

- **Train** your wife and children in the safe handling of firearms.
- Ensure that firearms are at all times **inaccessible to untrained children**.
- **Ensure that your wife never leaves home without her firearm** (or defence spray, or stun gun, if no firearm is available).
- Train your wife and children in the use of **fire extinguishers**.
- See that your family receives basic **First Aid** training.
- Provide basic **self-defence** instruction to your family.
- Always know **where** your children are and **who** they are with.
- Have your children write down the names, addresses and phone numbers of all their friends - so that you can contact them in an emergency.
- **Ensure that babysitters are competent to handle emergencies**.
- **Think security**. Practise situational awareness. Be alert.

PROTECTING YOUR VEHICLE

- Always **lock** the boot and all windows and doors of your car.
- Always remove the **ignition key** even when the car is parked in your driveway, even for a few moments.
- Always use a **steering lock** or gear lock.
- Have your car's registration number **etched on each window**.
- Fit anti-theft devices such as a car **alarm** and **immobilisers**.
- Consider installing a microchip identifier system (e.g. the AA **Identicar**).
- Avoid parking in **unlit areas** and crime zones.
- In parkades do not leave your **parking card** inside your car.

Practical Principles for Protection

- Never leave **licence documents** in your car. They help a thief to sell it.
- Never leave shopping bags, briefcases, jackets or other **valuables visible in the car**. Lock them in the boot out of sight.
- Lock your doors when you travel and **beware of car-hijackers** at traffic lights. They may masquerade as traders to approach your car without suspicion. Remain alert at all traffic intersections.
- **Always keep a flashlight and fire extinguisher accessible in your car.**
- **Never travel unarmed.** Keep your weapon on you at all times.
- Keep your vehicle **serviced** to avoid breakdowns and in good running order with at least half a tank of fuel.

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR SECURITY WHEN TRAVELLING

Whether driving or walking:

- **Plan your route in advance.** Use a **map book**, **Google maps** or **GPS**, when going into an unfamiliar area and if possible obtain detailed **directions** from whomever you're visiting.
- Always carry your **weapon** on you.
- Always have a **flashlight** readily available, on your person and in your vehicle.

When walking:

- **Avoid short cuts** if you know that the longer route is safer.
- **Keep to well-lit streets** where possible.
- **Do not wear a walkman/headphones.** You will need your hearing to stay alert to any movements behind you.
- **Walk facing oncoming traffic.**
- **Vary your route** and routine.
- Walk with **confidence** and purposefully.
- If you are carrying a handbag, **sling** it over your head and shoulder and keep a hand on it.
- Carry only **essentials** in your bag to minimise loss if it is stolen.
- **Duplicate diaries** and address books to minimise inconvenience in case of loss.
- Wear **comfortable shoes** that you can run in.
- Keep **keys** and other essential items on your person rather than in a bag or briefcase.

Security and Survival Handbook

When travelling by car:

- Maintain a habit of always **keeping your petrol tank at least a quarter full, preferably refuel at half a tank**. Avoid running out of petrol/gasoline/diesel.
- Keep all doors **locked** when driving.
- Keep an aerosol can of **instant puncture sealant** to enable you to drive on in case of a puncture in an isolated area.
- **Always keep a fire extinguisher, flashlight, local maps and a First Aid Kit** accessible in the car.
- **Reverse into parking areas** so that you can drive away swiftly.
- **Join the AA** (Automobile Association) to assist when you may have vehicle problems.
- **Inform a friend** of your route and estimated time of arrival/ departure ahead of time.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Be situationally aware of potential threats.



Practise situational awareness.

Chapter 8

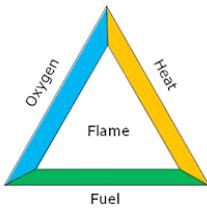
FIRE PREVENTION and FIRE FIGHTING

Categories of Fire

- A. Burning **materials** such as wood, cloth and furniture
- B. Burning **liquids** such as oil
- C. Burning **gases**
- D. **Electrical** fires

The Fire Triangle

Oxidation/Combustion requires fuel, heat and oxygen.



HEAT / FUEL / OXYGEN

Extinguishing Fires

Break the triangle: Cool/starve/smother

1. Deprive the fire of **heat** with water or foam.
2. Deprive the fire of **fuel** - fire breaks, remove fuel, or switch off the power in case of an electrical fire.
3. Deprive the fire of **oxygen** - suffocate the fire (impossible outdoors or with large fires but with small fires a fire blanket or wet blanket can work).

Types of Extinguishers

Water:

Cools fires - Suitable **only for A fires** - wood, cloth and furniture.

Must NOT be used on electrical or liquid fires! Burning fuel floats on water.

Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)

Good for burning liquids and electrical fires. (Poor for cooling a material fire.)

Buckets of Sand

Sand, fire blankets or wet blankets can also be effective with small fires.

Dry Powder

Smothers fires. Suitable for A and B fires. Safe for use on live electrical fires.

Multi-purpose Foam

Cools fires. Suitable for A and B fires. But must NOT be used on electrical fires.

Halon (BCF)

Good for burning liquids, electrical fires & solid fuels but the BCF agent can cause nervous disorders if it exceeds 5 percent concentration in confined spaces.

Operating Fire Extinguishers

P.A.S.S.

Pull - or otherwise release the safety lock

Aim - at the base of the fire

Squeeze - the handle / trigger

Sweep - from side to side



Do Not Panic

- In the intense heat, darkness, thick choking smoke and fumes it is easy to panic. Keep calm, keep low and make for the fire exit.
- Close all doors and windows to slow the fire's progress.
- Close all doors & windows behind you as you evacuate. Closed doors hold back the fire and closed windows cut down the amount of oxygen reaching the fire, slowing down its destruction.

Beware!

- Over 50% of fire deaths are due to **toxic fumes and smoke**. Stay low and hold a handkerchief or cloth (wet if possible) over your nose and mouth.
- **Never use a lift during a fire** - you could be trapped if power fails, or doors might open onto a blazing floor! Rather take the stairs!
- **Test all doors before opening by feeling for heat** - a raging fire could be on the other side. The sudden influx of oxygen can cause the flames to flare up and blast anyone in the doorway in the backdraft.
- **Most materials burn easily - especially synthetics like nylon which can melt into your skin!**

Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting

- If you are on-fire cross your arms over your chest and put your hands on your shoulders - this should protect your face from the flames. Do **not** run - this will fan the flames and impede your breathing. **Lie down and roll over slowly to smother the flames.** Wrap yourself up in a carpet, wool blanket or non-synthetic curtains and roll to smother the flames.
- **With an electrical fire, switch-off the power** or unplug the appliance.
- With any burns on your own, or someone else's body, **pour cold water over the wounds** for 15 to 25 minutes. Alternatively submerge in cold water. This will cool the temperature and make healing of the skin more possible.
- Be sure that your home and car have accessible and serviceable **fire extinguishers. Have your extinguishers serviced every 12 to 15 months.** Consider also installing **smoke detectors**/alarms in your kitchen and children's rooms. (Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and servicing can be obtained from local service providers.)
- **Remove fire hazards from your home** - such as piles of old newspapers, tins of paint and other flammable clutter stored under the stairs. Do not build such bonfires by power points or escape routes!
- **Do not overload power points.** Use power strips with surge protectors.
- Keep aerosols and flammable substances away from sources of heat and out of direct sunlight such as on windowsills. They may explode.
- Do not leave mirrors or bottles in direct sunlight - **reflected and concentrated sunlight can start fires.**
- With an oven fire close the oven door and switch off the electricity.
- With a stove fire carefully replace the lid on the burning pot to smother the fire.
- Never use a fireplace without an effective fire guard.
- Walk around your home, school, church, workplace or mission to **identify fire hazards** and to ensure adequate fire extinguishers are available and visible.



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- EMERGENCY PREPARATION CHECKLIST**
- Section 1: Emergency Survival Items:
- Water Containers
 - First Aid Kit
 - Torch
 - Battery Operated Radio
 - Batteries
 - Tinned Food (non-perishable)
 - Can Opener
 - Dust Masks
- In an emergency you will need to gather a large amount of supplies.

Chapter 9

STORING to SURVIVE SHORTAGES

“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer...”

Proverbs 6:6-8

General Information of Food Storage:

1. Keep food stores dry, cool and sealed away from air as much as possible, but do not allow canned or bottled foods to freeze.
2. Only a few vitamins may be damaged by heat. The cold-pack process of canning, according to the directions from a good manual, causes the least heat or oxidation damage of these vitamins. One or two vitamins may be damaged by light; therefore, keep bottled goods away from light and in a cool place. (Use the cartons the bottles were purchased in.)
3. Factory-canned products that are “bulged” (full of fermentation gas) should be destroyed. Factory-canned peas or beans and home-canned or bottled peas, beans, corn and meats ought to be heated in an open kettle at boiling temperature for 20 minutes before serving.
4. Do not let empty bottles stand around. They ought to have meat, fruit, vegetables, or water in them. As bottled foods are used, reclean each batch of empty bottles, fill with clear, ordinary tap water (chlorinated or not) to within 2.5cm of the top and cook. Replace the sealed, sterile, bottled water for storage as emergency water in case the regular water supply should be cut off sometime.
5. It is well to keep on hand a supply of glass jars with appropriate lids to be used either for storing water or food. These are preferable to cans because glass bottles can be used repeatedly and it is only necessary to keep supplies of lids on hand, rotating them every other year.
6. Canned goods purchased from the markets ought to be turned over each three to six months. If this is not done, the solids tend to settle in the bottom. Maximum storage is two to three years, but even after five to ten years the produce may still be good to eat although it may not be quite as palatable.
7. Fats and oils in metal containers, sealed by the original packing plant, ought to keep fresh for many years in a cool place if the seals are not broken.

8. Dried fruits should be as dry as possible, free from insects or their eggs and repacked loosely in clean glass fruit jars. These are to be placed without lids in an oven and heated for 20 minutes at 661C., then capped with sealing caps.
9. White flour or granulated sugar or bulk milk powder should be best quality, dry (not at all damp) when purchased and immediately repacked in dry metal or glass containers, vibrated down compactly and sealed with airtight lids.
10. Grains such as wheat, rice and oats ought to be clean, free from insects or their eggs, before storage in clean containers with airtight lids.
11. Baking powder should be kept on hand in original metal containers. Baking soda ought also to be kept on hand, repacked in metal or glass containers and sealed. (Do not heat these.)
12. Iodized salt which has become discoloured with yellow free iodine has not been harmed and is still good for seasoning food.
13. Do not rely on the cold storage of meats and vegetables in “deep freezers.” Some factory canned or home bottled meat ought to also be stored away. Electric power may fail. A generator with adequate fuel would be necessary to keep your freezer operating in the event of an electrical power loss. But even without power freezers should retain their cold temperatures for several days if kept firmly shut.
14. Doctors say that one can live two months without impairment of health on powdered skim milk alone if supplemented by vitamin C. It is suggested that everyone buy packaged powdered milk from the grocery store and learn all about its uses. It should be a “must” that every household have a substantial supply of powdered milk on hand.
15. An ideal storage room for preserved food is a cool room in the basement that is dry all seasons of the year, free from steam, hot water and hot air pipes, odours, (kerosene, onions, soap, petroleum products) and closed off from the rest of the house. The door to this room should be opened only to remove food items. (Exposure of cool canned goods to warm, moist air will cause rusting of the cans. Food in rusted cans is still good however if there has been no perforation in the wall of the can.) If a basement room is not available, a closet or garage on the side of the house unexposed to sunlight may be used. It should be remembered that in peace or war, whenever disaster strikes, canned foods are the safest form of foods.
16. Do not allow canned or bottled foods containing liquid to freeze. The ice would break the jars and may break the seal on both glass jars and tin cans.

17. Store nothing on cement flooring. Place slats of wood between cement and storage to prevent sweating or rusting.

Check List for Storage Items

FOOD

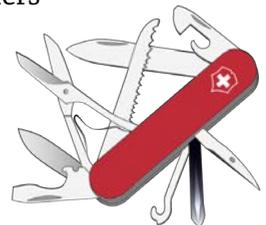
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vanilla
vinegar
soda
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baking powder
cocoa
spaghetti
macaroni
yeast (active dry)
sandwich
spreads/marmite, etc.
peanut butter
baby food
pet food

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soap and shampoos
dish washing liquid
washing powder
toothpaste
ammonia
disinfectants
insecticides & insect repellents
toilet paper
tissues
shaving cream and razors
water purification tablets/liquid
baby powder and nappies

TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES

flashlights and batteries
SW radio and batteries
hammer and nails
screw driver and screws
axe/panga/machete
vehicle tools and spares
first aid equipment
garbage bags
gas stove and gas
gas lamp and canisters
candles and matches
water containers
can openers
weapons and ammunition
blankets
fire extinguishers



Water Supplies

In the event of water shortages:

- Fill up the bath(s) and all available clean buckets and containers with water if you have reason to believe that your water supplies could be interrupted or cut off.
- Disconnect the drainage pipes under the sinks. Place buckets under each sink to receive water used for washing. This soapy water can be poured into your toilet cisterns (which should have the water supply turned off). It is better to use such soapy water for flushing toilets than to waste clean water which should be reserved for drinking purposes.
- For bathing, limit family members to half a bucket of water. Place the plug in the bath and sponge down and rinse using a cup of water at a time. The used soapy water can then be scooped out of the bath and used for the toilet cistern.
- Remember that the average household has 150 litres or more of water stored in the hot water geyser! Use sparingly if plumbing supplies are cut.
- If you have access to a borehole, well, or spring, then your water supply is secure. Obtain water purification systems.
- Utilise rain water from your roof areas by directing water gutters to drain into large storage tanks.

Medical Supplies

Every family should have an adequately supplied and maintained First Aid Kit. The First Aid box should be customised to your particular family requirements, with an adequate supply of routine medications that any member of your family, including pets, require. You need to think through the unique problems of your family and build your First Aid box around those needs. The first item to go into your First Aid box should be a good **First Aid Handbook** such as the Red Cross, or St John's Ambulance, First Aid Manual. It is essential that every member of the family be trained to administer CPR - artificial respiration.

First Aid Box Checklist:

1. Dettol or Savlon and Mercurochrome antiseptics
Elastoplast and Transpore strapping, Box of Band aids,
5 150 x 200mm sterile dressings
5 100 x 100mm sterile dressings
4 75mm crepe bandages

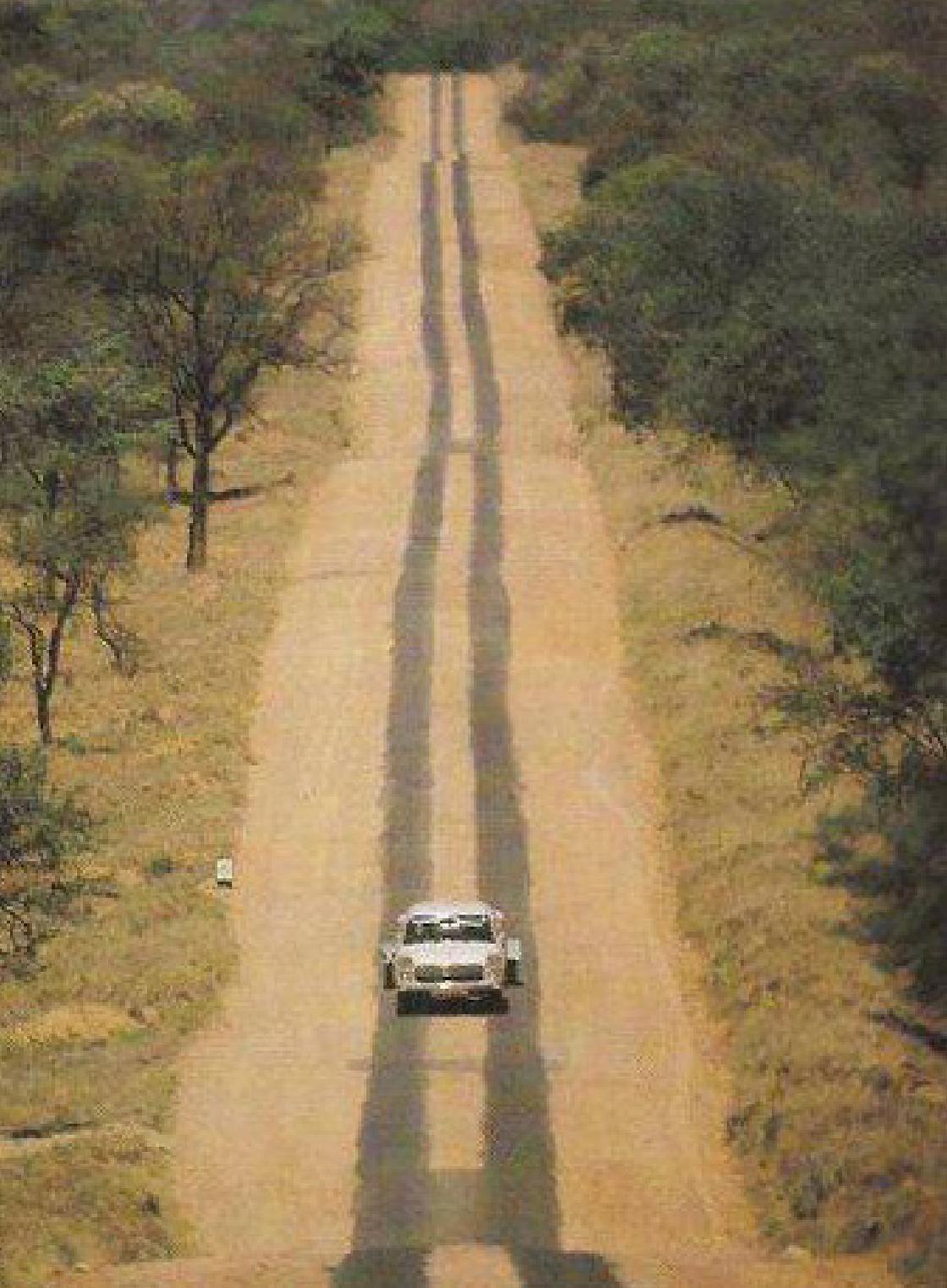
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sterile eye pads

Inflatable splints or wooden splints, gel ice pack

2. Antiseptic ointment e.g. Savlon or Betadine
Anti-histamine ointment for insect bites and allergic reactions, e.g. Anthisan, Sting-ese.
Ointment for burns, e.g. Flamazine
Boric Acid to dilute for eye washes or antiseptic cleansing
3. Antibiotic tulle-grass dressing e.g. Sofra-Tulle
4. Analgesic and anti-pyretic pain killers e.g. Panado and Aspirin.
If possible have something stronger e.g. Lentogesic
Anti-inflammatory tablets, e.g. Bruffen.
A supply of Multi-vitamin tablets.
5. Antibiotics, e.g. Penicillin and Bactrim. Make sure you have enough for a complete course.
Medication for both diarrhoea and constipation, e.g. Immodium and Agriolax.
Eye drops, e.g. Eyegene, Chloramphenicol eye ointment.
To induce vomiting (after ingested poison), e.g. Ipecac.
Anti-malarial tablets
Potassium pomanganate - antiseptic
Water sterilising tablets.
6. Analgesic ointment, e.g. Deep Heat or Repril Gel
7. Small face mask with one way valve for administering mouth to mouth resuscitation (available from Red Cross Society or St. Johns).
8. Rehydration solution. Either have sachets or know how to mix your own:
To one litre of clean water, add: 1 teaspoon salt, 8 teaspoons sugar, fruit juice to flavour if desired. Give for shock or dehydration. DO NOT give if the patient is unconscious, semi-conscious or has abdominal injuries.
9. Scissors, tweezers, safety pins, small scalpel, penlight torch with spare batteries, thermometer, plastic cup, matches.
10. You should also include sun screen lotion, after-sun sun burn cream, insect repellent, lip cream and e.g. lip ice.

See also: www.doomandbloom.net for survival medicine and preparedness.



Know where you are going, know the various ways to get there and be alert on the road.

Chapter 10

SAFETY and SECURITY for MISSION WORKERS

Security When Travelling

Most security incidents occur during travel. Always know exactly where you are going and plan accordingly. Radiate confidence, yet be discreet and unassuming.

Be unprovocative when confronted with hostility. Try to avoid escalating a situation. Maintain a calm and mature approach to all situations. Be alert to the possibility of confrontation with individuals, or groups.

Keep valuables out of sight. Make several copies of your passport, driver's license, identity documents, air tickets, etc. File a copy at your head office and home. Carry spares in different parts of your luggage. Always carry your original documents on your person.

If travelling on trains, taxis, or buses, discuss and decide upon the fare **before** you get in (otherwise they can charge any amount!) It is also useful to have the address of your destination written out in the local language and carry it with you if communication could be a problem.

Do not accept sweets, or food, from strangers. You may wake up several hours later and find all your belongings gone!

In any hostel, hotel, or guest house, always secure the doors when inside your room, using locks and security chains. If none are available, use a chair, or suitcase. Note the evacuation route in case of fire or emergency. In high-rise buildings, try to choose a room between the 2nd and 7th floors, as this minimises unwanted access from outside the building, yet would be within the reach of fire-fighting personnel in the event of a fire. Be alert to the possibility of being followed to your room.

Safety in Vehicles

Traffic and other vehicle-related accidents are among the top causes of injury and fatalities amongst missionary personnel. **Always wear seat belts.** Try to select primary and alternate routes that avoid excessive checkpoints, or choke points for traffic jams.

Check your vehicle daily. Vehicles must be well maintained. You do not want to break down on the road.

Try not to travel without a communication system, First Aid kit, maps, compass, fire extinguisher and other emergency supplies.

Have your travel documentation and vehicle papers in order and easily accessible for traffic check points

Try to avoid night driving when possible. Try never to let your fuel tank fall below half-full. If you are not sure where the next refuelling station may be, carry extra canisters of fuel.

Always try to travel with at least one other person. Keep a spare key for the vehicle. Ensure your co-driver has it on him. Keep your doors locked while driving. Constantly check your rear-view mirror. Be alert to your environment and anticipate potential dangers. Prevention is better than cure.

In some areas, travel by convoy is the safest and sometimes the only permitted form of road travel.

Identify a leader for each vehicle as well as an overall team leader to be obeyed regarding all safety issues. Maintain an agreed-upon convey speed. Discuss your strategies in the event of all possible emergencies, beforehand.

Check Points

In conflict areas, check points are to be approached with caution, especially in the evening. Approach slowly with windows slightly open, so that you can hear instructions. At night, dip the lights. In some areas they require you to switch off the external headlights and switch on your internal lights. Be ready to come to a complete stop immediately if so ordered.

Keep your hands visible at all times. Consider offering a friendly handshake. If your vehicle is searched, protest but do not resist. Follow the searcher to ensure that nothing is planted, or stolen. If items are removed, protest, but do not resist. Request a receipt. If none is provided, keep a careful record of your own of what has been removed and anything that will enable the authorities to identify those responsible. Always have a notebook and pen on you.

Safety on Foot

Try not to walk alone. Try to have other companions, particularly from the local area. Be aware of your surroundings. Always avoid groups of people loitering on the streets. Avoid walking too close to shrubbery, doorways and other places where an assailant could be concealed.

Do not carry all your cash, or valuable materials, in one place. Have several separate pockets, or pouches for valuables.

Women should be particularly cautious. A woman should never feel pressurised to forgo common sense to “*prove herself*” on the field. It is better to suffer embarrassment from being overcautious than to be the victim of an attack.

Dress and behave conservatively, modestly and do not display jewellery, or other valuables. Sometimes dressing appropriately can help ward off unwanted advances.

If you feel that you are being followed, by somebody suspicious, cross the street. If necessary, cross back and forth several times to ascertain if you are in fact being followed. Do not hesitate to call attention to yourself if you are in danger: scream, shout, run, sound the hooter, or horn of your vehicle.

Be alert to the customs and expectations of the area you are in.

Consider wearing a wedding ring if you are a single woman. This can ward off unwanted attention.

Be Prepared

Rehearse the actions you would take in the case of confrontation. Self-defence is mostly mental preparation, knowing how to behave when faced with danger. Each situation is different. Some occasions we can **talk** our way out of it. On other occasions **shout** for help. Sometimes you will need to **flee** and on other occasions you will need to **fight**.

Assert yourself. Insist on being treated with respect. Do not unnecessarily risk your life for mere material possessions. Turn your fear into fury. Anger can be a far more positive emotion than terror when facing an attack.

Safety in Residence

Secure locks and proper key management are central to the concept of physical security on location. Secure locks are worthless if the keys to them are not protected from unauthorised access. Keep a minimum number of keys for each lock and strictly control who possesses those keys. In a large compound, ensure that keys are signed in and out. If any key is lost, have a new lock fitted. Never leave keys under the mat, or in any other obvious hiding places! Have locks on your fuse boxes, or external power source boxes.

Good, solid doors and security gates are vital. Keep entrance doors locked at all times. Turn on your outside light if available to illuminate visitors. Install bars on windows to prevent unwanted entry.

After dark, keep curtains, or blinds closed. Close curtains before turning on the lights.

Make a safety check each night before retiring to ensure that all doors and windows are properly closed and locked.

Always have a small flashlight on your person and a large flashlight by your bed.

If a stranger calls, never say that you are alone. Be aware that all telephone calls, even cell and satellite phones, can be tapped. Do not discuss sensitive matters which could endanger your team on any phone call.

All members of your team should know the appropriate procedures in the case of natural disasters, fires, bombings, or assault. Everyone should know the location of the fire extinguishers and First Aid kits.

Resident Staff

Staff employed must be trustworthy and competent and adequately briefed as to what to do in a crisis, otherwise they could become a danger to the safety of the whole mission. Thoroughly evaluate any applicants. Request references from their pastor and investigate the applicant's circumstances and private life. Be alert to their loyalties and attitudes.

Prevent the access of any domestic staff to documents, keys and other sensitive materials. Some may have been placed to spy on you.

Ensure that your First Aid kit is kept well stocked, that your fire extinguishers are serviceable, that you have adequate charged batteries and flashlights. Discuss a contingency and evacuation plan.

Know the Local Culture

Cross-cultural misunderstandings can aggravate any crisis and even create some.

Learn the basic rules of politeness and decency in the area.

How and when should you greet others?

Who should be shown respect and how?

What gestures are considered rude?

How should one sit?

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When is eye, or body, contact acceptable, or unacceptable?

What form of physical contact - shaking hands, holding hands, embracing, etc. is expected?

What is considered personal, or public, space?

What is the appropriate dress code?

What are the cultural attitudes about women?

What are the ways of showing respect to either gender?

How are elders respected?

Are there different ways of greeting the old and the young?

How punctual are you meant to be? What does "now" mean?

How important is loyalty?

Is nepotism common?

Is non-conformity allowed?

Are decisions made by individuals, the group, or by consensus?

Is the hierarchical structure authoritarian and well defined? Or is it participative and loose?

What emotional expressions are acceptable and unacceptable?

What are the rules for socialising outside of work?

Is waiting in line the norm? Or is it a free for all?

How should you call for attention?

Can one express disagreement openly?

Is saving face more important than being honest?

What are the cultural attitudes about work?

Are the people fatalistic?

What respect is shown to animals, trees and watering places?

What laws exist? How is it respected and applied?

Be observant and ask questions so that you can come to know the local culture and know the specific community which you serve. Understand the local customs, religion, traditions and taboos.

Identify the possible hostile groups within the area. Know the area of authority for various officials. If there is a curfew, respect it. Be familiar with the paths and roads. Use, or make a map. Know the traffic regulations, which side of the road you are to drive on, or pass. Do not drive too fast and do not sound your hooter/horn inappropriately. Know the areas of greatest danger for criminal activity, or for air attacks.

Recognise what situations might lead to tension and confrontations.

SURVIVING ATTACKS and ABDUCTIONS

Potential Threats

In the field, robbery, armed assault, vehicle hijack, ambushes, bombings, landmines, kidnapping and arrests are all possible scenarios missionaries may be faced with.

General Guidelines

While some precautions can be taken, even the most prepared can become victims of a sudden confrontation, The more familiar you are with the following principles, the more likely you will be able to survive these situations.

Attitude is Everything

A co-operative, respectful demeanour is your best defence. Armed assailants are most likely to shoot when they feel their own safety is threatened. Do not try to intimidate, or be aggressive. Instead, maintain a polite, open and confident demeanour. Keep your hands visible. Respond to requests, but do not offer more than what is requested. Remain self-controlled. Keep your emotions under complete control.

Facing Armed Robbery

Do not take unnecessary physical risks merely to defend property, or money. Remain calm and demonstrate personal composure. Do not be aggressive. Do not try to escape, unless you have a good opportunity and workable plan. Speak quietly and distinctly and move slowly. Identify yourself as a Christian Mission worker, Relief Aid worker, or Medical Nurse, as the case may be.

Caught in Cross-Fire on Foot

If you hear gunfire while on foot, immediately take cover on the ground. **Lie flat and face down. Stay calm. Do not panic. Do not run. If possible, improve your protection by crawling to a ditch/hole, or behind a solid wall, or inside a solid building.**

If you hear gunfire when in a building, keep clear of windows and doors. Flying glass and wood splinters can cause serious injury. Take shelter in the best protected areas such as the bathroom, the basement, under a stairwell, or behind a solid wall.

Under Fire in a Vehicle

If you hear gun fire when in a vehicle, reverse, turn around and drive to a safer area. Try to avoid side-tracks and verges that may be mined. **Never**

take shelter under a vehicle. Vehicles can be a target and, with partially empty fuel tanks, can explode.

If you are a target of an ambush while driving in the vehicle, accelerate. Use the vehicle as a defensive weapon. Attempt to get out of the killing area as quickly as possible.

Bombing in the Open

If you are caught in the midst of shelling, or bombing, take immediate cover on the ground. Lay flat, face down. Protect your eardrums by covering your ears with your hands and keeping your mouth slightly open to balance the pressure from the blast.

If possible, improve your protection from shrapnel by taking cover in a ditch, trench, or hole, or on the ground floor of a building with solid concrete walls. Never take shelter under a vehicle.

Grenade Attack

If a grenade rolls close to you, kick it away. Turn in the opposite direction, take one giant step, drop down to the floor immediately and lie face down. Cross your legs, keeping them straight with your feet pointed towards the grenade. Keep your arms straight along the sides of your body. To present the smallest possible target. Do not keep running. The blast range for a grenade can be up to 30 metres in all directions. You are far less likely to sustain injury if you are lying face down on the ground than if you are standing upright. Grenade fuses vary between 4 to 8 seconds.

Landmines

Any geographic area that has experienced fighting and where the warring parties have established strong defensive positions, will be mined. This is especially true of low lands in front of a defensive hill position, military emplacements, or strategic buildings. Other likely areas for mines could include avenues of approach, bridges, alongside railways and airstrips, key intersections, water sources, wells and pumps and depressions and ditches near a town.

Anti-Vehicle Mines

There are two main classes of landmines: anti-vehicle and antipersonnel mines. Anti-vehicle mines are normally designed to explode when a weight in excess of 100 kilograms triggers it and they are often fitted with devices to kill, or wound any person trying to lift, or neutralise them.

Never touch a mine, or a suspicious explosive object. Only travel in high-risk areas when absolutely necessary and try to avoid traveling after dark.

Consult the locals regarding the location of known mines. But do not take their word for it if they say that an area is clear.

Stay on well-used roads and tracks wherever possible. Avoid the edges of a road and be alert for fresh “road repairs”.

Anti-Personnel Mines

Anti-personnel mines require only 3 kilograms of pressure and fall into two categories. The first relies on a blast meant to blow off a foot, or a leg, or to put a vehicle out of action. The second type throws a container into the air, where it bursts and scatters shrapnel to wound, or kill, anyone within an effective range.

When walking, move in a single file line and keep to the same path as the leader. Maintain a distance of 10 to 20 metres between each person to limit casualties in the event of an explosion. If you enter a minefield, backtrack the same way you entered. If you cannot retrace your steps, then prod your way out, using a sharp, pointed long blade, or instrument, held horizontally, at about 30’ to the ground. Prod every two centimetres across a path width path of 60 centimetres. Repeat this procedure every four centimetres for the length of the path. Study the ground for any irregularities and hard objects.

Identifying Potential Mine Threats

Battlefield areas such as bunkers, barb wire entanglements, ammunition dumps, helmets, destroyed vehicles, abandoned weapons, etc. may be mined. Also, beware when you see animal remains, the remnants of footwear, or any similar signs that indicate that something, or someone has fallen victim to a mine. Deserted buildings and abandoned vehicles can be mined.

What Should We Be Looking For?

Dirty yellow and green objects, metallic, or plastic surfaces could be mines. Mines can be round, or oblong, made of metal, plastic, or wood. Beware of wires never pull wires. These could be part of a trip wire mine. Wooden stakes, especially seen in conjunction with wire, indicate jumping jack mines.

Be suspicious of exposed round edges - they seldom occur in nature.

KIDNAPPING, ARREST and HOSTAGE SITUATIONS

Be aware of ill-thought out heroics. This may lead to death at the hands of a nervous, or inexperienced, member of the kidnapping group. Remain calm, composed and co-operative. Keep your mind focused on the Scriptures, prayer and positive activity. Keeping your mind active is extremely important. Keeping up some exercise routine is also important.

Build rapport with your captors by drawing attention to your own and other human needs like hunger, thirst and need for the toilet.

Be reluctant to give up any of your personal belongings, clothes, or identification. Appoint one person to speak on behalf of your group. Be aware of your language as well as your speech. Do not say, or do, anything to arouse the suspicion, or hostility, of your captors.

Remain composed, calm and co-operative. Generally do not speak unless spoken to. Do not whisper with a colleague. Do not offer suggestions. Do not argue. Do not make any sudden movements. Ask first. Try not to be inappropriately humorous. Be patient. Take opportunities to rest. Be polite. Listen well and do not argue.

If you are blindfolded, forced into a car boot (trunk), or other sealed compartment during transport, employ your mind by attempting to visualise the route being taken. Note turns, street noises, smells, time spent between points. Keep mentally alert. Estimate times and distances.

Keep physically active when held in confinement. Even if all you can do is walk up and down, or do press-ups. Keep mentally active, read, write and occupy your mind with constructive and positive mental activity. Use your memory. Sleep when possible.

Practice self-discipline. Maintain a schedule of exercise, reading, or memorisation; keep yourself clean and your living area tidy.

Mentally prepare yourself for a long period of captivity, perhaps months. Do not believe everything you are told. Never threaten your captors. Devise a method of telling the time. Do not despair. Your survival chances improve with time.

Release from Captivity

When the time for release comes, this is another high-risk occasion. Pay close attention to the orders you are given. Obey these orders promptly. Do not make sudden, or unexpected moves. Stay alert. If things go wrong,

you may have to make a run for it. Look for a protected place where you can dive, or roll, if force must be used to rescue you. Be prepared for many delays and disappointments.

SECURITY ASSESSMENTS

To determine the levels of threat, you must first gain a general knowledge of your regions history and culture and build up relationships with the local people.

Ask these questions:

Who? Who might wish to mount an attack against the mission?

Why? Robbery, retaliation, riots, ransom, faction, or tribal, fighting?

What? What are the likely targets of attack? Supplies?
Vehicles? Personnel?

How? How might an attack be carried out? Ambush? Armed robbery?
Hostage taking? Bombing?

Where? Where are you most vulnerable?

When? When are you most vulnerable?

SWOT

Determine your **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities and **T**hreats.

Be aware of **threat indicators** such as cold, or harsh stares from military, or local population. Hostile graffiti; harassment; open anger; pilfering and theft by staff; etc.

Radio Procedures and Communication

The fundamental rules of radio communications are: **clarity, brevity and security.**

Make sure no one else is transmitting at the same time. Make your message brief but precise. Use **procedure words: correct, correction, I say again, read back, over, out, roger and wilco (I received and understood your message and will comply).**

Hold the microphone approximately 5cm from your mouth. Break your message into sensible passages with clear pauses between them. Maintain clear articulation, normal rhythm and moderate volume. Consider using simple pre-arranged code words for locations, types of emergency situations and the names of key personnel.

Universal Radio Phonetic Alphabet

To ensure effective communication, use these terms for abbreviations, or spelling out:

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a = alpha	b = bravo	c = charlie
d = delta	e = echo	f = foxtrot
g = golf	h = hotel	i = india
j = juliet	k = kilo	l = lima
m = mike	n = november	o = oscar
p = papa	q = quebec	r = romeo
s = sierra	t = tango	u = uniform
v = victor	w = whiskey	x = xray
y = yankee	z = zulu	

STAFF TRAINING and SECURITY PRIORITIES

Familiarise all team members with radio procedures and emergency procedures. Train all staff in the use of fire extinguishers and basic fire drills. Install fire-fighting equipment in accessible locations and check, or service, regularly. Install medical kits in accessible locations, keep them well stocked and current. Ensure that all doors, windows, exits and entrances are secure. Establish a daily routine for locking up. Secure and lock up documents and materials of a sensitive nature. Bolt safes to the floor. Install a back-up power generator.

Ensure that your compound is self-contained with supplies of food, water, fuel and electricity. If there is a danger of shooting, or bombing, dig trenches and surround tents with sandbags, or earth banks, to limit damage by shrapnel.

Never rely on a single means of exit, or communications. Always have backups and contingency plans. **Maintain confidentiality in your communications. Listen to and support your leader.** Be alert. Be prayerful. Be prepared.

Spiritual Preparedness

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.” Psalm 46:1-3

“Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.” Proverbs 3:25-26

“If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.”

Proverbs 24:10

Chapter 11

WORST CASE SCENARIOS

Discussions with military specialists in America, Europe and South Africa have presented a number of scenarios:

Nuclear War

Should either North Korea, Iran or another rouge state initiate a pre-emptive Electro Magnetic Pulse (EMP) thermo nuclear attack on either North America, or Europe, this would even not require a missile for delivery. Much of the attention so far, has focused on the limitations of their delivery vehicles, intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). However, there is no question that North Korea has nuclear bombs and has some missiles, at least short and medium range ballistic missiles. The West is deluding itself that this is some kind of comfort as they do not think that they yet have a missile delivery vehicle that could reach all the way to continental USA, or Europe.

Electro Magnetic Pulse

However, as early as 1997, military scenarios have considered the strong possibility of an Electro Magnetic Pulse (EMP) being delivered by satellite. Both Iran and North Korea have satellite capabilities. All one would need to do would be to bring a satellite equipped with such a bomb, down to approximately 500km above the centre of North America and detonate an EMP to knock out all computers, the electrical grid, cell phones and GPSs. The entire communications and much of the high tech defence system of North America would be shut down. A similar attack could be launched on NATO over Europe. We are not saying this is probable, but it is most certainly possible.

Swiss Preparedness

The Swiss military have contingency plans for both EMP and nuclear attack. In the event of all sophisticated communications systems being shut down, they can still manage on WW2 and WW1 technology, which they have in-hand, including a highly decentralised defensive structure, to be able to maintain communications control and defend their various cantons. They may be the only country so prepared.

American Vulnerability

However, North America is heavily centralised and overwhelmingly dependant on sophisticated communications technology. All of which is

extremely vulnerable to an EMP. The impression given by military experts I have spoken to, is that North America is wide open to any such attack. Most counter missile and early warning systems set in place under Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) by Ronald Reagan, have basically been allowed to fall away. Not only has little progress been made on SDI, but in many cases working programmes have been abandoned, or defunded. The end result is that the USA is more vulnerable to a pre-emptive nuclear strike than ever before in its history.

Southern Hemisphere

The danger of any nuclear attacks affecting any of us in the Southern Hemisphere is minimal. Since South Africa completely dismantled its nuclear weapon supply and destroyed all of its records and plans at Pelindaba, pre-1994, there are no nuclear powers in the Southern Hemisphere.

Potential Nuclear Foes

Therefore if any kind of nuclear war occurs, whether between North Korea and the USA, or Iran and Israel, or Pakistan and India, which are all possibilities, this should not directly affect the Southern Hemisphere.

EMP Consequences

Indirectly, of course, it would play havoc with the International banking system, the world media and communications worldwide. An EMP strike on North America or Europe would fry everything electronic and put their societies into a pre WW2 situation technologically. Not bombing them back to the Iron Age, but perhaps back to the pre-space age.

Destabilising and Distracting

A far greater concern is the possibility that any destabilising event in the Northern Hemisphere could provide sufficient distraction for wicked people in our country to initiate Rwanda-style massacres and Zimbabwe-style farm invasions, which many have long desired to do.

A Rwandan Holocaust Scenario

We only need to remember that the Rwandan genocide was timed to coincide with the April 1994 Elections in South Africa and Mandela's Inauguration. In six weeks, 800,000 people were killed with machetes in Rwanda, partly because of gun control. The UN had helped disarm the entire population enabling the genocide. For years, the mass media in Rwanda had mobilised hostility against the minority Tutsi tribe. The world was so distracted with Mandela, the ANC and South Africa's elections, that they never got round to actually intervening in Rwanda.

Turning the Tables

Interestingly, the minority Tutsi (less than 10% of the population) managed to turn the tables and overthrow the mass murdering Hutu majority. It was a David against Goliath situation. The Tutsi saved themselves, without any outside help (other than a little aid and encouragement from neighbouring Uganda). So that the architects of the genocide in Rwanda are now living in exile, in France, Canada and the Congo.

Threats of Racial Genocide

Persistent threats of an Uhuru/*Night of the Long Knives* massacre of whites are compounded by the possibility of a nuclear conflict in the Northern Hemisphere, which would interfere with media coverage of atrocities in South Africa. The Rwandan Holocaust was timed to coincide with the elections in South Africa, April 1994, as the world media was so focused on Mandela, that the Interhambwe had free reign to massacre in Rwanda.

Experienced Military Veterans

There are sufficient well-trained and armed, ex-SADF veterans in South Africa to turn the tables, should such an attempt be made in our own country. However, before that happened there would be many innocent people massacred. There are groups who have contingency plans.

Marxist Bloodlust

We know that there are genocidal types like EFF's, Julius Malema, who have been talking about this very openly, Zimbabwe-style farm invasions and Rwanda-style massacres of whites and coloureds and other minority tribes which they have a problem with. Some of our people are more vulnerable and spread out than others.

WTC 9-11 and Nigeria

Another historic example to consider is that Muslims in Nigeria used the World Trade Centre terror attacks of September 11, 2001 as the opportunity to launch their massacres of Christians and destruction of church buildings in Jos and other flash points in Northern Nigeria. Not only was there no media coverage of these attacks, with the world's media completely preoccupied with Washington and New York, but the Nigerian military stayed in its bases and failed to protect the people. It was only the Christians themselves on the ground in Jos and other parts of Northern Nigeria, who re-established order and protected their own property, expelling the assailants by force.

Evil Times

Now, what we need to consider is: what if a major distraction occurred in the Northern Hemisphere, such as a nuclear war between Israel and Iran, or between India and Pakistan, or a pre-emptive EMP strike by North Korea on USA? There would be a window of opportunity for very evil people to plan widespread massacres when there would be limited media coverage, or international concern. **“...so men are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them.”** Ecclesiastes 9:12

Preparedness

It was not raining when Noah built the Ark. However, Noah and his family survived the Flood by building the Ark and stocking it in obedience to God (Genesis 6:11-22). We need to be alert, prepared and organised, for major civil unrest and widespread violence. As far as is possible, we should seek to stockpile essential supplies in the case of long-term civil unrest, when travelling in the streets would be dangerous and when electricity and plumbing could be cut. We need to be organised, with weapons and ammunition and co-ordinate with similarly prepared neighbours to band together for mutual protection, during any such explosion of hostilities. **“A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.”** Proverbs 22:3

More Than Conquerors

The will to win, determination, resilience and fighting spirit is basic to survival. Romans 8:35-37 assures us: **“Trouble or hardship, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or danger or sword... in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”**

Judgement

Considering that we get the governments we deserve and in the light of Deuteronomy 28: It is possible that the Lord may allow some major disaster such as some kind of nuclear scenario in the Northern Hemisphere, as a judgement upon an incredibly wicked generation. The possibility of all cell phones, computers and satellite dishes becoming worthless scrap and the destruction of the incredibly dishonest extortionist banking system could well be part of God's judgement.

Be Prepared

As God's people we need to be mentally, spiritually, emotionally and physically prepared for some hard times ahead. **“If anyone does not provide for his relatives and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”** 1 Timothy 5:8

Worst Case Scenarios

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“Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be your confidence...” Proverbs 3:25-26

“Be on your guard, stand firm in the Faith; be men of courage; be strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13



Train hard and Trust God.

SA Missionary in Angola

"God preserve us from shortsightedness"

"A million Angolans living under religious freedom in UNITA-controlled southern Angola?" South African missionary Peter Hammond has come terms in Cape Town from Angola.

"Having seen some thoughts by the Catholics and having expertise whirling response of the Gospel of Christ," deeply distressed by arguments in the peace Angolan communists and Rev. Hammond, founder of Fellowship, which is a mission organisation that serves in the southern of Southern Africa, drew the MPLA forces were per- to the fact that UNITA kept TAPLA forces were per- Namibia free of Swaps from calculating advances in many villages in Angola.

Rev Peter Hammond with UNITA soldiers in Angola



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Chapter 12

CONTINGENCY PLANS for MISSIONARIES

In the event of any Missionary, Field Worker, courier, volunteer, or member of your Mission or Church being arrested, detained, kidnapped, or held by any government, or revolutionary group, the following contingency plans should be implemented immediately:

1. **A Prayer Letter** alert is to be drawn up, giving as many of the relevant facts as possible and circulated by emailing to the Mission or church support base, as well as placed on all relevant social media and websites.
2. **A Media Release** needs to be drawn up and sent out to all radio, TV, newspaper, magazine and other media outlets.
3. Letters need to be drafted to the relevant **embassies and consulates**, urging prompt and decisive action to secure the release of your member(s).
4. **Human Rights organisations** and relevant Missions and ministries are to be approached to request their intervention.
5. **Prayer Vigils and protests** can be mobilised.
6. **Deputations** to government agencies, embassies and political representatives who may be able to assist in securing the release of your member(s), needs to be organised.
7. Interviews and programmes need to be organised on **radio stations and TV programmes** to create awareness, alert listeners and viewers and mobilise the prayer and pressure needed to secure release.
8. **Posters** can be designed and **articles** produced. **Publicity provides protection for the persecuted.**
9. **Letters to the Editor** need to be mobilised.
10. A sub-committee needs to be formed to decide further strategy and action to mobilise more prayer and pressure and consider such direct action as may be possible to secure the release of your member(s).

PRAYER AND PRESSURE PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE PERSECUTED

*“Then He spoke a parable to them, that **men always ought to pray and not lose heart**, saying: There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘get justice for me from my adversary.’ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ Then the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.” Luke 18:1-8*



St James Church of England, Sunday 25 July 1993.

Chapter 13

Case Study: THE ST. JAMES MASSACRE

25 July marks the anniversary of a dreadful atrocity in Cape Town, a terrorist attack on St. James Church of England, which left 11 people dead and 50 wounded.

Sanctuary Desecrated

At about 7:30pm, on Sunday 25th July 1993, while the congregation of 1,400 listened to a hymn of worship, a group of APLA terrorists burst into the church and opened fire with automatic weapons.

Eye Witness Accounts

“I noticed the handle of the side door facing the congregation turn and then the doors were kicked open. A black man wearing some kind of overall was standing in the doorway. He was carrying an assault rifle. As he stepped forward he raised the rifle, cocked it and fired it on full automatic directly into the congregation.”

Another eye-witness described it this way: *“I saw this man kick open the door next to the stage and holding his rifle from the hip he opened up on us spraying*



bullets across a wide arc into the packed congregation. But before he even opened fire, two other black men who seemed to be wearing some olive green uniforms lobbed two hand grenades into the centre of the church.”

“There was this trail of smoke from the grenades and a few puffs of smoke from the first shots fired. The grenades were still in the air when he started firing.”

“As I dived under the pew for cover I heard two grenades explode. I looked up and saw pews sticking up into the air. The firing went on for a while and then suddenly everything was quiet.”

When War Comes to Your Neighbourhood

For many years Frontline Fellowship took the Gospel to the war zones. On Sunday 25th July 1993 the war came to us. Our Mission headquarters was a few metres from St. James on the same road. Several of our workers were members and both my father and my brother were converted at St. James.

I had just been singing with my daughter, Andrea and was about to pray with her before putting her to bed when the phone rang. *“It was the worst nightmare, Peter, St. James has been attacked by terrorists.”* As I sped to the church my mind reeled with the implications. I thought of my many friends there and prayed that they would be safe. Vivid memories of blood splattered churches and scenes of massacres in Angola and Mozambique flooded my mind.

Storm

As if in sympathy with the storm in many hearts, lightning flashed across the sky and the heavens wept in a downpour of rain. Above the roar of the rain the air was filled with wailing sirens from convoys of ambulances, police vehicles and fire engines as they converged upon 3rd Avenue, Kenilworth. Flashing lights and flashing lightning lit up a scene of dazed survivors fleeing from the church, weeping churchgoers praying in the rain and frantic relatives searching for loved ones.

Shocking Scene

I was soaked as I stumbled into the church. The tiles in the foyer were smeared with blood. Inside the church there were several bodies lying on the blood-stained carpets, or on shrapnel-scarred pews. Some wooden pews were overturned. There was a hole in the floor where one grenade had exploded. Prayer books, music sheets, welcome cards and Bibles were strewn amongst the pools of blood. The ceiling was pockmarked with shrapnel.

Emergency Workers

Rescue workers were working swiftly and efficiently. Some of the wounded were being cared for inside the church. Others were being carried out on stretchers to the waiting ambulances. A broken pew was used to transport one person. Pockets of Christians sat, or stood, holding hands and praying. The police moved swiftly, but with sensitivity, to clear the church sanctuary of all but emergency workers. Then they began to separate eye-witnesses for questioning.

I located several friends and then began to help serve tea to the shocked survivors. Only later, as I began to hear the different testimonies of those involved, did the full scale and horror of the attack strike me.

Personal Testimonies

Mrs. Marita Ackermann was shot in the chest at close range. She died about 30 minutes after arriving at the hospital. Marita had twice triumphed over cancer and she had helped start an outreach ministry to Khayelitsha and had also initiated an outreach ministry to Russian seamen passing through the harbour in Cape Town. Marita left behind her husband and three children, Braam, Liesl and Pierre. She was buried on her birthday.

Mr. Lorenzo Smith had his wife Myrtle die in his arms. A piece of shrapnel had pierced her heart. They had been married for 21 years. She left behind her husband and her two children, Craig and Mandy, who were not hit in the attack.

Peter Gordon, who was wounded in the attack, saw his wife Denise murdered next to him. Denise left behind her husband and her little daughter, Sarah.

Sacrifice

Seventeen year old, Richard O' Kill died instantly from a bullet through his head as he flung himself across two young friends, Lisa and Bonnie, to shield them from the line of fire.

Twenty one year old Gerard Harker died instantly as he dived on top of one of the hand grenades, absorbing the full blast in his body to protect the lives of those around him.

A police spokesman praised the selfless action of Gerard and said that his act of sacrifice undoubtedly saved the lives of many others by absorbing most of the blast. Gerard's brother, 13 years old Wesley, also died in the attack. They left behind their elder brother Shaun (23) and parents Dennis and Dawn Harker.

Four of the slain were Russian sailors - Valentin Varaksa, Pavel Valujev, Andrey Kajl and Oleg Karamzin. Another victim was Guy Javens.

Crippled

Of those victims crippled in the attack, the most heart rending situation is that of Ukrainian sailor Dimitri Makagon. Both his legs were ripped off when one grenade fell in his lap. His right arm had to be amputated and both his eardrums burst in the blast. Dimitri, who was 23 years old, was earning money as a sailor in order to pay for his wedding upon his return. The St. James Church flew out his fiancée, Olga and started a fund for the victims of the massacre.

Wounded

A medical student, Gillian Schermbrucker, narrowly escaped death when a piece of shrapnel pierced her lung and an artery. Her feet were also badly damaged yet she still sang a hymn to comfort her friends as she lay bleeding on the church floor.

Murderous Tools

Several survivors expressed their amazement that more people had not been killed. Police investigators agreed. The M26 fragmentary hand grenades had been attached to tins of nails to provide additional shrapnel. If Gerard had not covered the one grenade with his body more would have been killed. If another member of the congregation had not shot back, wounding one of the terrorists, then many more would have been shot.

Shooting Back

After the grenades exploded, one of our missionaries, Charl van Wyk, returned fire with his 38 snub nosed revolver. One bullet wounded the gunman who was firing into the congregation. The shooting stopped and the attackers immediately fled. Charl then pursued the terrorists into the parking lot and fired at their getaway car as it sped off into 3rd Avenue. When the police later recovered the terrorists' getaway car the blood-stained seats indicated that at least one of the gunmen was seriously wounded.

Saving Lives

If one compares the St. James massacre with similar atrocities in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola and Sudan - it becomes apparent that many more people would have died had Charl not fired back. An official Commendation by the Police Commissioner N.H. Acker, stated: *"On 25 July 1993, Charl Adriaan Van Wyk endangered his own life in warding off the attack perpetrated on the St. James Congregation in Kenilworth. His action in pursuing the suspects*

on foot and returning fire prevented further loss of life. One of the suspects was wounded in the incident and was later arrested.”

Why?

In numerous reports on the St. James massacre the questions have been asked: Who could possibly want to attack a congregation of Christians worshipping in a church? What could anyone hope to accomplish through such senseless slaughter? To these questions Christians have added another: How should we as believers respond?

Christians Under Fire

When I saw the shocking carnage at St. James Church it immediately brought similar bloody scenes flooding back into my mind. Over the last 30 years of missionary work I have personally come across many similar atrocities, especially in Angola, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda and Sudan.

In August 1983, Frelimo troops killed 5 pastors and burnt down all 5 churches in Maskito village, Zambezia province, Mozambique. In September 1983 Frelimo troops killed over 50 Christians and burnt a church down in Pasura village. At Chilleso Evangelical Church, in Angola, Cuban troops shot 150 Christians during a church service. At New Adams farm in Zimbabwe, 16 missionaries and their children were murdered in November 1987.

Churches Attacked

Muslim mobs have bombed and burned down hundreds of churches and killed thousands of Christians in Nigeria. In Sudan hundreds of churches have been bombed and burned. Many hundreds of churches have been attacked in Egypt, Ethiopia and Eritrea and all churches in Somalia were destroyed by 1993. One could continue to recount literally hundreds of similar atrocities against Christian churches, the fact is that churches have often been the target of Muslim extremists and Marxist terrorists.

What Do Such Terrorists Aim to Accomplish?

In answer to the second question, as to what could anyone hope to accomplish through the attack at St. James, we must note that it is the aim of terrorists to instil fear in the hearts of their target community. To paralyse people into inactivity and non-resistance. To induce people to flee the country, or at least to be too afraid to fight back. An additional aim of terrorism is to provoke an unreasoned and extreme response, to provoke counter-terrorism, which would then be exploited for propaganda purposes.

The Aim of Persecution

The aim of persecution is not to kill Christians. Sending believers to meet their Lord in Heaven hardly achieves the purposes of evil. No, the aim of persecution is to shock Christians into fear and inactivity. To paralyse and neutralise the church. Only if one gives in to this fear and allows oneself to be intimidated into silence and compromise does the enemy achieve his objectives.

How Are We to Respond?

This should encourage us not to betray the Faith for which the martyrs have died. The only appropriate response to such massacres is for us to be faithful to Jesus Christ and His Word - The Bible. We dare not allow the fear of man to divert us from fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and we are to love our neighbour as ourselves... making disciples... teaching obedience to all things the Lord has commanded.

Political Exploitation

In this context, it is shameful that some have sought to exploit such tragedies to enhance their own public image or to promote inter-faith services. As one member of St. James wrote in the following letter to a Cape newspaper:

Hypocrisy

“It is hard for us to take politicians or Archbishop Tutu seriously when they so shamelessly milk tragedies like the St. James massacre for media coverage and to advance their political agenda. As a member of St. James Church of England I find it offensive that certain priests and politicians have cynically exploited the Sunday massacre for their own political ends.

“With the ANC’s abysmal human rights record of placing landmines in farm roads, car bombs in public streets and limpet mines in shopping centres and restaurants, they are the last people who have the right to condemn violence. The thousands of victims of ANC necklace murders, petrol bomb attacks, stonings and shootings and those dissidents tortured in ANC concentration camps bear eloquent testimony to the ANC’s real position on violence.

“As for Tutu - how could he barge into St. James and lie to the policemen on duty - claiming that he was the head of the denomination - in order to gain access to the site of the massacre? Most people are not aware that the Church of England in South Africa (CESA) is an entirely separate denomination from Tutu’s Church of the Province of SA (Anglican) denomination. Yet surely Tutu is aware that he is not the head of the CESA!

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“For Tutu to have gained access for his media entourage to St. James by deception and then to have desecrated the sanctuary by turning it into a media circus to exploit this tragedy for his image overseas is despicable.

“Other political activists in the guise of the priesthood have suggested that we use this opportunity for a ‘reconciliation’ service. St. James is a fully multi-racial church that has opened its doors to all races at all times. Our church has an outreach to Khayelitsha and offers Bible studies in Xhosa on a weekly basis. We have always worked for reconciliation; first to God and then to man. We as a church do not have to use this tragic event to prove our commitment to reconciliation.

“The Church of England in South Africa is an Evangelical denomination which holds to the Inerrancy of the Bible as God’s perfect Word. CESA holds to the full Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ and to His bodily Resurrection from the grave. We proclaim salvation by the Grace of God, through the Atonement of Christ, received by faith. For this reason it would betray the martyrs who were killed on Sunday if we were to partake in an inter-faith service with those who reject this Gospel.

“The greatest tribute and memorial which we could erect in honour of the victims of the massacre would be for us to remain faithful to Jesus Christ and His Word - the Bible. May many more come to Christ in true faith and repentance.”

Manipulation by High Profile Atrocities

I also noticed that every time the negotiation process stalled and reached a deadlock, some high profile atrocity occurred which was then used to accelerate the process of hurtling this country towards the transitional executive control which the socialist “*liberation forces*” so desired. Their expressions of outrage were hard to take seriously. Their actions, stained with the blood of thousands of innocent victims, spoke far louder than their words.

How Then Should We as Christians Respond?

Which brings us to the third question: How should we as believers respond? In any crisis or tragedy we need to turn to God and cast all our burdens and frustrations upon Him in prayer. We need to seek answers and guidance from studying the Word of God. Many survivors of similar atrocities have found tremendous comfort and strength through praying the Psalms.

At the mid-week service, three days after the massacre, the church was packed almost to its capacity. Bishop Frank Relief opened the service by reading Psalm 11:

“In the Lord I take refuge. How then can you say to me: Flee like a bird to your mountain? For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? The Lord is in His holy Temple; The Lord is on His heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; His eyes examine them. The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence His soul hates. On the wicked He will rain fiery coals and burning sulphur; a scorching wind will be their lot. For the Lord is righteous. He loves justice; upright men will see His face.”

Frank Retief said that many had commented on the calmness of the St. James congregation in the face of this tragedy. *“While we are shocked, stunned, shattered, hurt and angry at the senselessness of what has happened, we also have a sense of peace.”*

Triumph Amidst Tragedy

At the Sunday evening service one week after the massacre, over 2,000 people packed the church and the overflow facilities. If the aim of the terrorists had been to terrify people into avoiding the church, they had clearly failed.

At that service, Rev. Frank Retief outlined a Biblical response to the tragedy, which I summarised as follows:

1. **The world is not our home.** We are pilgrims passing through. Do make a meaningful contribution to improving society, but don't get too caught up in materialism and personal ambitions. We won't live forever.
2. **We must believe in a Day of Judgement.** If evil is not finally punished then this world is meaningless. The wicked may seem to prosper for a time, but a just God will deal with sin. Only Christians have the spiritual resources to cope with such tragedy.
3. **Life is uncertain.** None of us know how long we will live. Spiritual apathy is dangerous. We need to be jolted awake.
4. **There is a constant need to re-examine ourselves.** Is your faith genuine or nominal? Watch out for temporary emotional motivation. Be done with empty words. Do away with frivolous things. Be serious about your faith. Get involved in the life of your church and in the lives of others.

5. **Do not be ruled by fear.** Our trust must be in God. We fear God and no one else.

Testimonies of Grace

As we learned to cope with the shock and sense of loss, many testimonies of God's grace and sovereignty began to surface:

The attack took place on St. James Day - the day when the Church commemorates the first martyrdom of an Apostle (Acts 12:2-3).

The attack took place five minutes after the children had left for a children's service in a separate venue.

The attackers had apparently wanted to burst through several doors simultaneously - but all the other doors were locked on that cold winter night.

Excerpts of the un-preached sermon of Rev. Ross Anderson have been printed in local newspapers. One verse in particular stands out: "Jesus said to her, **'I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies.'**" John 11:25

One man testified that as he pushed his wife's head down he felt a bullet whistle over the back of his hand and heard it slam into the wall behind.

Another husband pushed his wife flat seconds before a bullet smashed into the backrest against which she had been sitting.

One Ukrainian seaman, Demichev Vladimir testified of how Marita Ackermann had led him to Christ: "*I have been a seaman for 28 years and never in this time have I met such warm and kind hearted people as Marita and Dawie Ackermann. I met Marita in October last year, my first time in Cape Town. Marita gave me some papers to read about our Lord. Before that I was an atheist. Marita invited me and my crew to church and our attitudes changed as we began to read and discuss the Bible.*"

Just three weeks before the massacre 72 Russian sailors had made public commitments to Christ. Marita's favourite verse was Philippians 3:10: "***I want to know Christ and the power of His Resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death.***"

Other members of the Church have shared these testimonies: "*Possessions and position are no longer important to us - these things last only for a short time.*"

“When we keep our mind on God, God keeps our mind at peace.”

“God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1

On the Order of Service bulletins handed out at the main funeral service on 29th July this passage was quoted: *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers... will be able to separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Romans 8:35-39

The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail

Frontline Fellowship’s official letter of sympathy to St. James Church included the following message: *“Jesus Christ is building His Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. You cannot destroy the Church by attacking buildings. The Church is not buildings - but people. People who love Jesus Christ. People who have a relationship with God as their Father. People who have been changed by the Holy Spirit. One cannot kill Christians by sending them to Heaven. Death for the Christian is not final. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life... I rejoice in the assurance that the great work which He has begun at St. James will not falter, or be distracted from the Great Commission.”*

A Spiritual World War

Such traumatic experiences remind us of the reality of the spiritual war in which each of us is engaged. There is a life and death struggle between the Kingdom of God and the forces of satan. Outside of Christ, man is desperately wicked. **“It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgement.”** Hebrews. 9:27. God is just and He will ultimately reward the faithful and punish the wicked.

We need to live our lives for the Glory of God - to the fullest.

**“Only one life - it will soon be past
only what’s done for Christ will last.”**



Chapter 14

Case Study: HOME INVASION

My elder brother experienced a violent attack on his family in his home in Gauteng.

Crime is a very unpleasant reality that affects almost everybody in South Africa today and, increasingly, even in our own homes.

As his 18yr old nephew was trying to drive through the gate, a BMW raced up and five armed black assailants rushed out and dragged this young boy out of his car, putting a gun to his head. My brother's wife shouted out a warning that there were armed assailants in the garden.

As my brother came into the hallway, he was immediately confronted with a man aiming a silver semi automatic pistol at his head. As the assailant opened fire, my brother drew his pistol, cocked it and returned fire. Five shots were fired at him and Derek fired three shots back, hitting the criminal twice. Although they were standing less than three meters apart, firing at point blank range, in a narrow hallway, barely one meter wide, incredibly all five shots missed my brother!

As the wounded assailant stumbled back out into the garden, Derek fired four more shots at the other criminals who fled, leaving his nephew, Ryan, unharmed. His car, with the key still in the ignition, was also left in the driveway.

When the shooting had started my brother's wife, Sandra and daughter, Lauren, fled to a safe room, locked it and lay on the ground praying and phoning for help, as they had previously been instructed to do in such an eventuality.

When the police investigated the crime scene, they were astounded. It seemed incredible that at less than three metre distance and in such a confined area that the assailant could have missed with all five shots. They readily admitted that God had been protecting him.

From my brother's description, they quickly identified this gang of five. The ringleader, who used a silver automatic pistol, was known to them. This gang of thugs specialise in home invasions, rape and murder.

Security and Survival Handbook

We are praising the Lord for being a shield to my brother's family and for making him fast and accurate.

As Oliver Cromwell frequently said: *"Trust in God and keep your powder dry."*

Self Defence in the Law of God

The Law of God is clear: ***"If the thief is found breaking in and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed."*** Exodus 22:2

"Do not be afraid of them, remember the Lord, great and awesome and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses." Nehemiah 4:14



Winners never quit. Quitters never win.



Chapter 15

Case Study: SWITZERLAND'S STRATEGY for SURVIVAL

“If you want peace, prepare for war.”
“Peace is achieved through superior firepower.”

Target Switzerland

These quotes sum up the Swiss attitude towards peace and freedom. A momentarily important book: *Target Switzerland - Swiss Armed Neutrality in World War II*, by Stephen Halbrook, provides the incredible - and until now mostly untold - story of how Switzerland, alone among all the nations of Central Europe, successfully maintained armed neutrality during the Second World War. Switzerland was the one nation on the European Continent, from the Iberian Peninsula to the Volga River that never succumbed to military occupation. How this small republic succeeded in maintaining its independence, while encircled by aggressive nations in a complex world war, needs to be remembered.

The Unstoppable Offensive

Neighbouring Austria welcomed integration into Germany without a shot being fired in 1938. Czechoslovakia was likewise convinced into giving up without a fight. Albania was occupied by Italy. Poland fell after just 20 days of intense fighting in September 1939. Denmark surrendered within four hours of receiving an ultimatum. The Danish King and his government capitulated and prohibited any resistance to occupation.

The Norwegians, invaded by British and French troops, put up a resistance, but were quickly outmanoeuvred by German paratroopers and mountain divisions. Sweden allowed the Germans to transport troops over its soil to Norway. It would later allow the transportation of an entire German army division across its neutral territory, to be used in the pre-emptive attack on the Soviet Union in 1941, *Operation Barbarosa*. Holland fell before the German *Blitzkrieg* in just 5 days. Belgium held out for almost 17 days before surrendering to the German army. France was conquered in under 6 weeks. Paris fell without a shot being fired. The British Army was routed in just two weeks and only escaped from Dunkirk because of Hitler's - *Stop Order* to his panzers.

Yet, despite Hitler's frequently repeated references to annexing Switzerland to his *Gross-Deutschland*, (with maps printed on the day of the *Anschluss* of Austria showing Switzerland as incorporated into the Third Reich), Switzerland succeeded where other neutral nations failed. Switzerland remained a heroic island of freedom in a continent enflamed. It was to answer this question of how Switzerland so effectively resisted invasion during a time when every surrounding nation failed, that *Target Switzerland* was written.

Sharpshooters on Skis

The spiritual and military strength and resolve of the tiny Swiss nation to resist overwhelming military threats – from the left and the right - should continue to inspire freedom-loving people everywhere. This great land of the Reformation, with its long tradition of a decentralised, constitutional Republic, had long been renowned as a nation of marksmen on skis. Every citizen in Switzerland has at least one rifle in his home. Switzerland was the only European nation which proclaimed that, in the event of an invasion, any announcement of surrender was to be regarded as enemy propaganda and that every soldier must fight to the last cartridge and then with the bayonet.

Their published and openly proclaimed military strategy was to make any invader pay a severe penalty for violating their neutrality. The order was: **Keep Fighting. No surrender. No retreat. Fight to the last bullet and blade.**

A Legacy of Liberty

With the large number of dictatorships, vicious wars and lack of freedom in large parts of the world today, the lessons and example of Switzerland should be carefully studied and learnt from. Switzerland is the oldest Republic and freest country in the world. It also has the distinction of having the highest per-capita gun ownership in the world. In contrast to the rest of Europe, which has highly centralised governments, Switzerland has a weak central government. The first unit of authority in Switzerland was the individual and the family. Then came the village or city, then the canton and finally the federal government. As a direct representative Republic, power was decentralised. Power was exercised from the bottom up, not from the top down. The Swiss solution to total war was Total Resistance by the entire population.

Total Resistance

Many would be surprised to hear that Switzerland achieved the highest military mobilisation of any population in World War II. A full 20% of the total

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Swiss population were mobilised to resist all military threats in WWII. Some Swiss towns were bombed. Swiss pilots shot down at least eleven intruders in dog-fights during 1940 alone, to the loss of only three of their own aircraft. Repeatedly through WWII, France, Germany and Italy mobilised hundreds of thousands of troops, including mechanised divisions, on the border of Switzerland in preparation for invasion; unleashing intensive journalistic barrages of anti-Swiss articles, in preparation for occupation. Only to be faced down by hundreds of thousands of incredibly determined and well-trained Swiss troops, ready to repel any invaders. While Germany fought back against the super-powers of the time: France, Britain, the Soviet Union and the USA, Switzerland successfully deterred all invaders.

Swiss Sanctuary

The extraordinary courageous efforts of the Swiss military to prevent invasion and preserve a haven in which individuals were protected, enabled many thousands of refugees and escaped prisoners of war to find sanctuary in Switzerland, in the midst of the savagery of aerial bombardments of cities in WWII. Switzerland protected many refugees and over 100,000 interned soldiers during the war. Most of these soldiers were allies, 1,700 were American pilots who had been shot down over Europe and escaped to Switzerland, or forced down by the Swiss for violating their airspace.

Surrounded

On 25 July 1940, General Henry Guisan, Commander of the Swiss Army, summoned 600 of his senior officers to a jagged mountainside in central Switzerland, near Lake Lucerne. During the preceding weeks, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France had fallen to the forces of Germany. The British Army had evacuated the continent, abandoning its heavy equipment behind on the beaches of Dunkirk. Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Albania had fallen in the preceding two years. Hundreds of thousands of German troops were massing on Switzerland's northern border and Italy threatened Switzerland's southern border. Surrounded by potential aggressors and occupied lands, the Swiss stood alone, neutral in a continent at war.

Never Surrender

Standing on the Rütli Meadow, overshadowed by the Alpine peaks, General Guisan addressed his officers: *"I decided to reunite you in this historic place, the symbolic ground of our independence, to explain the urgency of the situation and to speak to you as a soldier to soldiers. We are at a turning point in our history. The survival of Switzerland is at stake."* His order was to fight to the last man - **never surrender!**

William Tell and Swiss Resistance to Tyranny

It was on the Rütli Meadow that the Swiss Confederation was first formed on 1 August 1291. For 650 years, Swiss fighting men had earned the reputation as the most ferocious in Europe. Their determined refusal to live under the rule of foreign kings was legendary. Most educated people know the story of William Tell, the hero who refused to bow before the Austrian governor Gessler. He was condemned to shoot an apple off the head of his 6-year old son at 120 paces. If he refused, both father and son would be executed. In a remarkable display of archery skill, William Tell succeeded in hitting the apple and missing his son. Congratulating Tell, Gessler asked why he had another arrow in his hand. Tell responded that, had he injured the child, he would have sent the remaining arrow into the governor's heart. Tell was condemned to life imprisonment for his insolence, but he escaped while being transported across Lake Lucerne.

Later he ambushed the governor and shot an arrow into his heart. This instigated the rebellion in which the Swiss successfully overthrew the Austrians, who had been ruling them and it was on this Rütli Meadow that the Swiss cantons swore loyalty to each other.

Morgarten

In 1315, at the Battle of Morgarten, 1,400 Swiss peasants ambushed 20,000 Austrian knights and infantry in a narrow Alpine passage, showering them with rocks and driving them into a lake, where many drowned. At this battle, the Swiss killed 2,000 of the invaders, for the loss of only 12 of their own people.

Laupen

In 1339, 6,500 Swiss infantrymen defeated 12,000 Holy Roman Empire invaders at the battle of Laupen. This was the first battle on the European continent where infantrymen defeated armoured cavalry in open terrain.

Tenacious Warriors

In 1386, at the Battle of Sempach, 4,000 Austrian knights were defeated by 1,300 Swiss farmers. In 1388, 650 Swiss successfully defeated an Austrian force of 15,000 invaders in the Alps. The Austrians lost 1 700 men to 55 Swiss. In 1476, a French army of 20,000 invaded. 412 Bernese troops in Grandson Castle were persuaded to surrender. All 412 Swiss were then hanged or drowned by the French. The Swiss mobilised immediately and at the ensuing Battle of Grandson, they routed the French with heavy losses. At the Battle of Morat, another French army of 23,000 was destroyed by a surprise attack, with the Swiss killing 10,000 French invaders, for the loss

of only 410 Swiss. After the Battle of Morat, the Swiss infantry were the most renowned in Europe and deeply sought after as mercenaries. (In fact, over one million Swiss served as mercenaries over the centuries).

Dornach

In 1495, the Holy Roman Empire attempted to impose a tax on the Swiss and this resulted in the Swiss defeating the Holy Roman Empire at the Battle of Dornach in 1501.

Masters of Warfare

Even the cynical and sinister Niccolo Machiavelli, author of *The Prince*, observed that the Swiss were: “*masters of modern warfare*” and “*the Swiss are well armed and enjoy great freedom.*”

Inspirational

The Swiss example of a decentralised federal Republic and a well-armed citizen's army, attracted the attention of English and American political observers in the 18th century, including many of the founders of the American Republic. The American Founding Fathers drew much inspiration from the Swiss example and incorporated many of their principles into the US Constitution, including the Second Amendment.

Subversion and Betrayal

Switzerland's history of standing unconquered by foreign aggressors since 1291, has not, however, remained unbroken. In 1797, Napoleon succeeded in occupying Switzerland by a combination of threats, a propaganda war and by persuading the French-speaking cantons not to resist the New French Order. Geneva and Lausanne opened their gates to the invading French without any resistance. When the German-speaking Swiss put up a brave resistance at Fraubrunnen, they were ill-equipped, many armed only with pitchforks. They were slaughtered by the massed French artillery and cavalry. Resistance movements soon sprang up that included thousands of Swiss citizens waging guerrilla warfare in the Alps against the French occupiers. Many thousands of Swiss were killed during the brutal Napoleonic French occupation.

Learning from Defeat

After the disastrous years under French occupation, the Swiss were determined never again to allow an invasion and spent the next century building a strong citizens army that anticipated new threats. They expended great effort and expense to improve both their weapons and their military tactics, to ensure that they preserved peace through superior firepower.

Peace Through Strength

The Swiss also recognised that the enemy had only succeeded in overthrowing them because the Swiss had failed to remain united in the face of a pan-European revolutionary idea. After the French occupation, the Swiss were determined never again to allow foreigners to sow disunity amongst them through strategies of divide and conquer. As a result, in the 1930's, although 72% of the population of Switzerland were German speaking, they successfully resisted both Nazi propaganda and subversive communist activities in the country.

Marksmanship

Under the new 1815 Constitution, universal male military service was instituted. The Swiss Shooting Federation (SSV) was formed in 1824 *“to the promotion and perfection of the art of sharp-shooting, an art beautiful in itself and of the highest importance for the defence of the Confederation.”* Shooting festivals became one of the most important unifying activities in the communities.

Peace Through Superior Firepower

In 1847, the Protestant cantons put down a separatist revolt by Catholic revolutionaries. In 1857, the Prussian Kaiser mobilised over 150,000 soldiers threatening to invade Switzerland over a border dispute. The Swiss mobilised 30,000 of their own troops to counter. One German observer remarked that the Swiss militia was worth half a dozen standing armies in Europe. In 1866, Bismarck suggested dividing up Switzerland between Italy, France and Prussia. In 1867, the Swiss invented a revolutionary new repeating turnbolt rifle with tubular magazine, holding 12 metallic cartridges. In 1874, the Federal Constitution provided for the government, for the first time, to equip every male citizen of military age with a modern rifle, uniform and ammunition. These were to remain in the hands of the soldiers at their home. (Up until this point Swiss soldiers had been expected to obtain their own weapons). In 1889, the Swiss developed a new straight bolt rifle, using the Swiss designed 7.5mm cartridge.

Decentralisation

In sharp contrast to the increasing centralisation of power in other countries in continental Europe, in Switzerland the federal government became more and more responsive to the wishes of the individual citizens and introduced the referendum in 1874, as a means of determining new legislation.

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In 1912, Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany visited Switzerland. Observing Swiss army manoeuvres, Kaiser Wilhelm questioned what a quarter million Swiss soldiers could do if invaded by ½ million German soldiers. The brave Swiss response was: *“then everyone of us will have to shoot twice!”*

Preparedness

In 1911, the Swiss developed the Schmidt-Rubin infantry rifle, model 1911, which had a detachable 6-round magazine and a fast-acting straight pull bolt. Over 300,000 of these model 1911 rifles were manufactured and distributed to the population. The greatly outnumbered Swiss placed great emphasis on superior military marksmanship and equipment. In 1911, American Colonel Bell noted that the Swiss had an unsurpassed love of country, spartan patriotism and valour. *“While the Swiss believes in peace and desires it above all else, his good sense tells him that this is best assured by preparedness at all times.”*

The Great War

When the Great War broke out on 1st August 1914, with combatants on every border, the Federal Council mobilised the entire army, some 450,000 men. The army was well equipped with Maxim machine guns and modern artillery. Both aviation and anti-aircraft defences were introduced at this time.

A 1916 US Senate report *“The Military Law and Efficient Citizen Army of the Swiss”* noted that while the French army only trained at shooting ranges of 40 yards and were singularly poor even at this and while the German soldiers do much better than the French and train at 100 yards, the entire Swiss army had to be categorised as *“all good marksmen”* training at an average of 300 yards. There was absolutely no question that the Swiss had the highest standards of marksmanship in Europe, if not the world.

The Threats of a Europe Wide War

From the beginning, the press in neighbouring Switzerland was the most vocal in exposing dangerous trends of the Nazi regime. The Nazi professor of military science, Ewald Banse, openly published his assertion that in a war against France, Germany would need to invade through Switzerland to outflank the French fortified Maginot Line, punching through the Geneva gap.

The 1933 Military Manual issued to every Swiss citizen stated: *“it is every man's duty to constantly maintain his rifle and to practise constantly in both prone and kneeling positions at their local shooting society. To fire accurately, one should not shoot fast, but pull the trigger slowly using intelligence and*

judgement, remembering that the victor always has another cartridge in his rifle. The trigger was only to be pulled if the target will be hit. One has to shoot more accurately than the enemy and more skilfully use the terrain.”

The SSV came out strongly in its publications against extremism of both the right and the left. Swiss shooting matches were extended to 400 metres.

In September 1933, “*A plan for the invasion of Switzerland*” was published. The theme was: Geneva is the gateway to France and particularly important for the seizure of Lyons with its surrounding arms and ammunition factories. With violation of Swiss neutrality being publicly discussed, the Swiss massively increased appropriations for armaments.

On the first page of “*Mein Kampf*,” Adolf Hitler had declared that “*common blood must belong to a common Reich.*” He made it clear that one of his main goals was to reunite Austria and Germany into one Reich and he also alluded to the integration of Switzerland into his *Gross-Deutschland*. During the Middle Ages, Switzerland had been part of the Holy Roman Empire, the first Reich in Nazi terminology.

Nazis were proclaiming that they intended to expand Germany’s boundaries “*to the furthest limits of the old Holy Roman Empire and even beyond.*” Prof. Banse wrote: “*We count you Swiss as offshoots of the German nation;... one day we will group ourselves around a single banner!*”

United in Resistance

It is remarkable that, unlike the Napoleonic War and WWI, when many Swiss were divided along ethnic lines with French and Italian speakers leaning towards France and Italy and German-speakers sympathising with Prussia and Germany, the Swiss were united from 1933 on in their opposition to all forms of socialism. Switzerland proved that French, German and Italian speaking citizens could live together harmoniously. Alone amongst the European nations, Switzerland remained immune to the propaganda of the New World Order proclaimed by both national socialists and international socialists(communists).

The Swiss began building fortifications along their borders. From 1935, as violations of Swiss air space increased, Switzerland began regular air raid drills. However, an attempt to introduce strong centralised government was overwhelmingly defeated by referendum. Major rearmament programmes escalated.

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In 1935, a new rifle - the K31 carbine - was introduced into the Swiss army. The Swiss design was far superior to all existing military rifles in the world at that time in terms of accuracy, weight, handling and ease of loading. 350,000 K31 rifles were produced by 1945.

In 1938, when neighbouring Austria integrated into Germany without a shot being fired, it was widely believed that Switzerland would be next. To counter Gestapo espionage, the Swiss military organised the counter-spy SPAB (Spionage Abwehr).

Isolated But Defiant

The Swiss Parliament issued the following declaration: *"It is Switzerland's mission in Europe to guard the passage over the Alps in the interests of all. It is the unanimous and unshakeable will of the Swiss people to assure the respect of its independence at the price of its blood... the Swiss people are united in the determination to defend at any cost, to the last breath and against anyone, the incomparable country which is theirs by God's will."* They also noted that while *"the Swiss people are prepared to consent to the sacrifices necessary for the National Defence, but the military armament of the country would be useless, if it did not rest on the spiritual and moral forces of the whole people."*

Military service was extended. Fighter planes and tanks were purchased, pill-box fortresses were built along the Italian, Austrian, French and German borders. A New York Times article in 1938 noted: *"Switzerland is the oldest Republic in the world, the purest democracy in the world, an island of liberty in a sea of dictatorship... a citadel of peace through stormy centuries... grimly waiting in their calm, undramatic way with loaded rifles and fixed bayonets."* The Swiss numbered but 4 million. Zürich, its largest city, numbered 300,000.

Armed and Resolute

The Swiss government ensured that every home was well equipped with weapons and ammunition. The Swiss also lowered the age for national service and increased the obligation to serve in the Swiss military to age 60. General Guisan, in his book *"Our People and its Army"* asserted that military defence has two essential components - moral force and material force. Guisan emphasised some of the special Swiss customs: *"a young man at his confirmation received a sword and could not marry unless he possessed a Bible and firearm."* The local assemblies (*Landsgemeinde*) of law makers each carry a sword as a symbol of liberty when they gather for legislation. Days of military recruitment were festivals with processions, flags and music. *"Being capable of military service is a physical certificate of health; our girls know it well!"*

Warrior Spirit

The warrior spirit exhibits itself in the arts, literature and architecture. The army is the incarnation of the Federal Republic. *“The people are the army, the army is the people.”* The army provided education for citizenship. Switzerland’s strength was based on decentralisation, an armed citizenry and its love of liberty. *“It would be as vain to want to unify Switzerland as to attempt to level her mountains!”* We must be *“united, strong and vigilant.”*

The League of Nations had failed, only the Swiss army itself could preserve Switzerland’s neutrality and sovereignty. *“We have a small army, yes, but it is made strong by our traditions.”* *“The nation would continue to exist only if it was strong enough to defend itself.”* Guisan insisted that *“the oldest army in Europe must know neither defeatism nor fear; dignity forbids it!”*

The SSV published this plea: *“We owe it to our ancestors, who always appreciated freedom and independence... but we owe it also to those who will live after us... we must trust to God on high and never be intimidated by the power of man. **It is better to die than to live in slavery!**”*

Preparing for War

The Swiss established anti-aircraft batteries around all major towns. Most households were equipped with gas masks. Mines under all bridges and roads leading into Switzerland were in place already from 1938 and all these roads and bridges were under 24-hour guard. During one emergency, the entire Swiss army was mobilised within 2 hours. The population was instructed to stockpile food. Vast quantities of foodstuff and ammunition were stockpiled in fortified emplacements in the Alps. Many women’s groups also began to get armed and received firearms training.

The French Threat

As Britain and France declared war on Germany, the Swiss faced a new threat. The French seriously considered invading Germany through Switzerland’s Geneva Gap. The Swiss mobilised to resist any French invasion. From 22 September 1939, Swiss anti-aircraft batteries began firing on French war planes violating Switzerland’s air space.

The Winter War

On 30 November 1939, the Soviet Union attacked Finland. The Swiss were encouraged by the effective resistance of the Finns, also a nation of marksmen on skis. The Finns demonstrated throughout the Winter War that a small population could, in fact, successfully resist a strong aggressor.

Total Resistance

In sharp contrast to the highly centralised structures in other countries, the distinctive Swiss command was for each individual soldier to act on its own initiative: “*Where no officers or non-commissioned officers are present, each soldier acts under exertion of all powers of his own initiative.*” The entire nation was mobilised for invasion and the *Widerstandsgeist* (the resistance spirit) was the most determined and pervasive in Europe.

Aerial Dogfights

As the Western front opened on 10 May 1940 with a German invasion of Holland, Belgium and France, 27 bombs were accidentally dropped by the Luftwaffe on Northern Switzerland. Swiss anti-aircraft guns drove away bombers and fighters. A Swiss squadron of pursuit planes engaged the intruders and a Swiss ME-109 shot down a Heinkel-111, twin-engine bomber.

“Invasion Inevitable”

By 13 May, over 700,000 Swiss soldiers were mobilised - nearly 20% of the Swiss population, the highest percentage of any country in the war. As Italian troops massed on their Southern border, more divisions were rushed to the South. The League of Nations, the International Red Cross and the American Consul fled Geneva, Zürich and Basel in anticipation of inevitable invasion. Aerial dog-fights between foreign and Swiss aircraft intensified. The USA urged all Americans in Switzerland to evacuate immediately. Holland and Belgium folded and the British and French armies reeled back in retreat. To guard against sabotage, over 70,000 old rifles were issued to the *Ortswehren* or local defence units.

Espionage

The military penal code was amended to provide for the death penalty for betrayal of military secrets and for treason. This was applicable to both soldiers and civilians. The Swiss prepared for the demolition of tunnels, bridges and railways in the event of invasion.

British Bombing

Several Swiss were killed when the British Royal Air Force bombed Geneva and Renens on 12 June. 14 June, Paris fell without a shot being fired. Gestapo spies were captured. 18 June, Hitler and Mussolini discussed the possible conquest and division of Switzerland, between Germany and Italy. With the French surrender on 22 June 1940, Switzerland was effectively surrounded by the Axis powers.

Threats from all Sides

Some German publications stated: *“Switzerland must quickly be swallowed... Switzerland must not be allowed to stay out of the reorganisation of Europe.”* Several military plans for the invasion of Switzerland were drawn up throughout WW II. After France was conquered and Italy entered the war, Switzerland offered the most direct route to transport men and supplies, between Italy and Germany. After the Allies invaded Italy in 1943, Germany’s need to swiftly deploy more troops and supplies into Italy became even more urgent. With the Allies advancing in 1944 - 1945, they considered invading Switzerland as the shortest route to Germany.

Effective Deterrent

Yet, on each occasion, the prospect of tackling the stubborn and obstinate resistance of an entire nation of sharpshooters on skis caused the various High Commands to repeatedly postpone the unpleasant task.

Bastion of Freedom

The Alpine Republic’s policy of armed neutrality was a complete success. Switzerland alone, among all the nations of Europe, successfully resisted infiltration and subversion from all sides and stared down repeated threats of invasion with calm determination and thorough preparations. The land of William Tell, Ulrich Zwingli, William Farel and John Calvin, with its deep distrust of central governments, its abiding love for God’s Word and for life and Liberty, remained a bastion of freedom in a continent overrun by violence.

Island of Liberty

As Europe became an ocean of conflict, Switzerland stood firm as an island of liberty and peace. Those who desire peace and prosperity would do well to learn from their inspiring example.





Appendix 1

Self-Reliance and Home Preparedness

By Craig Laubscher

What to do in the Face of a Loss of Public Utilities:

Electrical Dependency

There are many systems on the market that will provide electricity for those critical items.

The chief of these is **solar**, however the downside of solar power is that the installation cost is very high.

That being said, there are, however, smaller solar systems that are often overlooked because of their simplicity.

For example:

Garden Lights - with a small amount of ingenuity and engineering, they are easily converted into useful household lighting.

Power Monkey System - Solar charged battery back-up available in most outdoor accessory shops.

There are many other means of generating and storing power, the application of which is largely based on how ingenious you are or how much money you can afford to spend on it.

Water Dependency

Drinking water is something we cannot live without for very long. There is a strong possibility that, should our power fail for a prolonged period of time, our water will as well. As a result of this, storing an average two—week supply of water would be a good idea. The rule of thumb for drinking water is roughly 3 Litres per day, per person. If you have pets, you will need to factor them in as well.

There are many ways to store water, from something as simple as a Litre cooldrink bottles, to 20 Litre plastic containers, to large rain—catchment barrels, It would also be a good idea to implement a filtration method.

Tools and Supplies

If you already have a bag containing the 10C's, you are well—prepared:

Cutting, Combustion, Cordage, Cover, Container,
Cargo, Compass, Candling, Combi Tool, Cloth

Added to this, it would also be wise to store the following in an easily accessible place:

- Batteries in various sizes
- Manual can opener
- Basic tools- Pliers, screwdriver, spanner, hammer
- Duct tape
- Super glue
- Sewing kit

First Aid

It is important to have a basic First Aid Kit on hand at all times, but particularly in the event of an emergency. Your kit should include basic wound items:

- Plasters
- Bandages
- Antiseptic sprays
- Antibiotic ointments.

It would also be advisable to keep a supply of basic over-the-counter medications:

- Pain relief capsules
- Cold medicine
- Anti-nausea pills
- Antihistamines
- Anti-diarrheal medication.

Sanitation

Sanitation means getting rid of waste. After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, more than half a million people became ill with cholera. It is important to prevent this type of scenario, should we be in a similar situation.

Keep some disinfecting cleaning wipes and sprays, as well as hand sanitizer for just such an event when water supplies are cut.

- a. Standard - Flush Dependent on the Municipal system operating
- b. Septic - Dependant on sufficient water supply
- a. Composting - Dependant on sawdust / cat litter and disposal.

Food

As a general rule, it is always a good idea to have some form of backup rations. This doesn't need to be a giant financial drain on your already tight budget. Some thrifty shopping can very easily put enough rations into the larder to tide you over. Some common items are:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Soya Mince
- Dehydrated Vegetables
- Maize Meal
- Flours
- Dried Beans
- Pearled Barley
- Pearled Wheat
- Various Tinned Goods
- Bottled Goods

If properly stored, these all have extended shelf life and will provide more than adequate nutrition.

There are a variety of fresh vegetables that also have an extended shelf life if stored correctly, for example:

- Potatoes
- Onions
- Garlic
- Most types of Squash and Pumpkins
- Carrots
- Parsnips

Refrigeration

Depending on the duration of the power outage, there are a few tips to keeping foods from spoiling: Keep the fridge / freezer closed. Unlike their forbearers, most modern fridges / freezers are really well-insulated. Limiting the use of them will keep the cold trapped inside. Use polar blocks in the fridge to help hold the cold. Another way of keeping food refrigerated is to make a Zeer Pot, which uses evaporation to cool the contents thereof.

Heating / Cooling

In 2003 there was a heat wave in Europe that claimed 70,000 Lives. We often forget about certain requirements due to the fact that they are currently not on our radar.

One of these is heating and cooling, mostly because the prevailing climatic conditions preclude them.

Heating

- Ceramic space heaters
- Gas heaters

Always ensure adequate ventilation

Cooling

Evaporative options - eg: Swamp Coolers

NB - find a system that does not need power to work.

Lighting

Of the problems created by the lack of utilities, lighting is often the easiest to solve. However, there are some facts that need to be discussed because they are often not widely known and are overlooked.

Cooking

There are a number of options that you can employ in this regard:

- Solar
- Gas
- Liquid Fuel

You could spend an awful Lot of money having gas and solar systems installed; however, there are a number of common-man options one could employ.

Safety—Related Issues

- Many homes are reliant on electricity for their defensive systems:
 - Electric Fences
 - Electric Gates
 - Alarm Systems & Panic Buttons

As a general rule, these systems have a backup battery which only last 2 hours at best.

In the event of a power outage, you need to check up that these systems are operational.

Ensure that you are attentive to possible security breach areas, eg, open windows / sliding doors, etc.

Close and Lock them!

It's no good leaving them as an open invitation for opportunists who are looking for exactly these weaknesses.

Self-Reliance and Home Preparedness

- Firearms - if you are in possession of a firearm - get it out of the safe and holster it on your person.
 - It is better to be judged by 12 than carried by 6.
 - They have NO purpose locked away and inaccessible in an emergency.
 - This is an area that warrants a generous application of common sense.
- In the time before it becomes an issue, have a look at the area surrounding your house:
 - Have garden services trim plants / trees / shrubs in such a way that they don't offer opportunities to thieves / housebreakers.
 - Sensible application of plants that are unfriendly in vulnerable areas -e.g., thorn bushes, cactus, sisal, etc. - they are defensive, water-wise and attractive.
 - Gravel on walkways around the house - this helps notify you of traffic on these paths with the noisy crunching noise they produce.
 - Decent Fencing - the judicious use of unfriendly fencing options, combined with unfriendly plants makes the perimeter of the property more secure.
 - Ponds and water features - create obstacles that close off routes.





Appendix 2

The Three Fundamental Skills of Basic Bushcraft

By Craig Laubscher

Remember

DO NOT PANIC!

You are merely outside your comfort zone.

It is the focus and idea behind these lectures to increase your skill sets and awareness in order to expand your comfort zone and enable you to combat your panic response.

	Positives	Negatives
Oil Lantern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will run on many different fuels:• Meths / olive oil / paraffin / kerosene• Easy to refill• Fuels are easy to find	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire hazard• Noxious / dangerous fumes• Cannot be operated by all ages
Gas Lantern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas lasts for a protracted time• Generates heat and light (winter—time this is beneficial)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire hazard• Need to be situationally aware of placement• Generate a lot of heat — can easily burn yourself by accident• Fuel is not that easy to find in an emergency.• Cannot be operated by all ages
Battery Lantern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe and easy for all ages to use• LED tech gives them extended use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Batteries need to be replaced when flat -in times of scarcity, this may be a problem
Wind-Up Lantern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe and easy for all ages to use• LED tech gives them extended use• Runs off a rechargeable capacitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will require a recharge via a wind of the charging handle once the capacitor is depleted

Survival Rules of 3:

You cannot survive for more than 3 weeks without food.

You cannot survive for more than 3 days without water.

You cannot survive for more than 3 hours without shelter.

You cannot survive for more than 3 minutes without air.

A simple explanation of the Rule of Threes:

- It gives you a timeline of expectations.
- You have a realistic measure of what to expect when you find yourself in that specific situation
- If someone else is in that situation and you are attempting to help or find them.

The Three Fundamental Skills of Basic Bushcraft

Fire

Water

Shelter

1. FIRE

We need to understand fire and what it requires to function.

To this end, we need to look at the making up of the fire triangle.

The reason we use the triangle is because it shows us visually how the 3 components of fire are connected to each other and support each other.

In order to be created, **fire** requires;

AIR

FUEL

IGNITION SOURCE

When one of these components has a **weakness**, the other two need to **compensate** in order for **successful** fire creation.

For example: If your fuel source is damp or marginal you will need **more** air flow and a **strong** source of ignition to create a successful fire.

Important Note:

100% of the success in the creation of your fire is based on your preparation. Hasty or poor preparation will seriously impede your chances of success.

Tepee Fire Lay

A good general purpose fire lay is called the tepee fire lay. There are many other methods that can be used — all have good and bad points. The tepee method is simple to use and understand.

If you are using a strong source of ignition, the kindling is stacked in a **“tepee”** style arrangement over your tinder bundle.

If you are having to use a bird's nest, due to poor ignition, be sure to leave space in the front of the tepee so that you can insert your ignited bird nest into the tepee.

This style of fire lay also allows for improved airflow to your fire.

A good rule of thumb regarding adding fuel to your fire is that when the flames are burning on top of the fuel, you can add more. Otherwise you stand a chance of smothering your fire.

2. WATER

• Water Procurement

Finding water that doesn't flow from a tap can be a challenge. However, with some practise and perseverance, you can find water in the wild, if you know what to do and where to look.

Transpiration: Water is given off via the leaves of plants. If you place a plastic packet over those leaves, you will be able to trap this water and collect it.

More water traps = more water. Do not limit yourself to only one. This process will only provide small amounts at a time.

Distillation: This would be through the use of a still in its various forms, turning impure water to fresh drinking water.

Rain Water: Using a capturing device, you can catch rain water and store it.

Condensation: Using a hydrophilic material, you can capture condensation (dew) and then store it.

Ground Water: By digging into the water table, water will draw or filter into the hole you dug. You can also use this process in a coyote well to do a primary filtering of the water you are collecting.

• Water Filtration

Please note – **IMPORTANT:**

The filtration process only removes the physical gunk from the water, rendering it clear.

It is by definition **NOT SAFE TO DRINK** until you have sterilised it.

Filtration will also **NOT REMOVE ANY CHEMICAL TOXINS.**

Creating a Filter: A filter is a sequence of layers that block out particles that are suspended in the water.



Appendix 3

Dave Canterbury's 5 & 10 C's of Survivability

By Craig Laubscher

5Cs ;

- CUTTING - knives and any other improvised cutting tool
- COMBUSTION - ferrocerium rods/flint & steel/matches/Lighter
- CORDAGE - rope/cord/twine/paracord/string/fishing line
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- CARGO - any bag device you can use to carry your gear in
- COMPASS - direction finding device
- CANDLING - torch/candle/lantern - any device that creates light
- COMBI TOOL - Leatherman/Gerber/Swiss tool
- CLOTH - Cotton cloth

5 REDUNDANT C's

- CUTTING - Second alternative cutting device — ie, saw
- CONTAINER - Second container for cooking
- CLEANING - 2% Iodine for water—purifying and wounds
- CATAPULT BANDS - Examples would be: tourniquet, trap engine, flexible straws, slingshot replacement band
- CARBORUNDUM ROD - Sharpening stone

1. CUTTING

Components that make up a good knife:

- a. Length
 - 4-6 inch blade (10-15 cm)
 - Approximately 9-11 inches overall length (20-30 cm)
 - It needs to be small enough to do intricate tasks, yet big enough for heavier jobs.
- b. Handle
 - Material should be of solid construction and comfortable, plus possible non-slip.
- c. Blade
 - Must be a fixed blade, as opposed to a folding blade.
 - A joint of any kind is a potential weakness.
- d. Sharp Point
 - (Spear Style) Try to avoid angled, hooked, rounded or straight cut.
- e. Thickness
 - Should be of such a nature that the blade is robust for heavy tasks (3—5 mm) — able to withstand a variety of jobs and possible chopping.
- f. Edge
 - Single edge with a flat ground spine (90 degrees).
- g. Avoid Gimmicks
 - Often Low quality knives will be laden with gimmicks to help them sell, for example:
 - Hollow handles
 - Handles with compasses in them
 - Mirror polish
 - Extra tools, etc.

Carbon

vs

Stainless

Holds edge Longer

Doesn't hold edge as long

More susceptible to rust

Less susceptible to rust

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DON'T FORGET ABOUT A GOOD SHEATH

2. COMBUSTION

- a. Ferrocium Rods - Pyrophoric (from the Greek pyrophoros, meaning fire-bearing) - iron burns in air
 - Sparks reach 1200 - 1600 Celsius
 - Mischmetal Rod - Mixed Metal - Magnesium is the chief component along with iron and cerium (oxidizer)
 - Able to use a variety of tinder sources
 - It is a consumed resource
- b. Flint & Steel
 - Predecessors of the ferrocium rod
 - Sparks reach 800 Celsius
 - Needs specific tinder or char to function
 - It is a consumed resource
- c. Lighter
 - Bic is a reliable, affordable lighter
 - Uses gas and flint
 - Able to use a variety of tinder sources
 - It is a consumed resource
- d. Matches
 - Use storm matches, as these are more reliable than standard matches
 - Prone to failure, due to moisture
 - It is a consumed resource: one-time use
- e. Magnifying Lens
 - Relies on the sun to function
 - It is a renewable resource

3. CORDAGE

This is most any string or rope, made of up man-made and / or natural fibres. Different cordage answers different challenges. Common types of cordage are:

- a. Mil Spec 550 Paracord
 - Seven strands inside sheath covering.
 - Multiple uses
 - Originated in military as parachute strings.
 - GI's saw more than the obvious use for it.

- b. Twine
 - This is most counter-twisted cordage comprised of multiple fibres counter-twisted to hold together.
- c. Monofilament/
Fishing line
 - Manmade single strand “*plastic*” line.
 - Normally clear, however, coloured varieties are prevalent.

4. COVER

Anything you can use to cover yourself:

- Tarpaulin
- Raincoat
- Jacket
- Poncho
- Plastic Sheet (DPC)
- Canvas
- Plastic Bin Liner
- Space Blanket



5. CONTAINER

Anything you can use to carry water:

- Plastic Bottle
- GI Canteen
- Stainless Water Bottle
- Glass Bottle/Jar

A metal container simplifies the disinfection of water. (You can boil it).
Bigger is better.

6. CARGO

Any bag device you can use to carry your gear in:

- Plastic Bottle
- Canvas Bag
- Rucksack, etc

Good construction is better.
Carry straps free your hands.
Comfortable is good.



7. COMPASS

Self - Explanatory. Direction finding.

8. CANDLING

Light making device.

9. COMBI-TOOL

Any combination tool:

- Leatherman
- Gerber
- Swiss Tool
- Or any other brand.

10. CLOTH

It **MUST** be cotton – it has many uses:

- Make Char Cloth
- Absorbent
- Head Covering
- Food Carrying
- Dust Mask
- Part of Filtering Process



Appendix 4

Basic Security from a Former Insurance Assessor

by Charl van Wyk

Basic ideas in Dealing with an Attacker

Attackers want to instill fear in their victim. This gives them a feeling of power. Never show fear, nor grovel, or beg for mercy from an attacker. There is a likelihood that your attacker could have taken drugs before he arrived on your doorstep and this can contribute to an overinflated confidence.

The emotional instability, due to the drugs, can easily lead to them losing self-control if they feel threatened in any way. Being composed and calm will assist you in controlling the situation. Avoid insulting the attacker and do not make any attempt at being humorous! Your voice and words can unsettle him. Eye contact can cause the attacker to think that you might later recognize him in a police parade, which could lead to him serving time in prison. This might cause him to act irrationally. Attract as little attention as possible.

Understanding the Process

Crime consists of two stages: '**reconnaissance**', done by *scouts*, in which investigation of opportunities takes place. Then **reaction** is initiated by the *hit squad*.

Indications of a Possible Attack

People fighting in front of the garden gate, or a back door, can be an indication of a possible attack. This is done to draw you outside while an attack team sneaks in behind you. If you see people fighting outside, stay inside, observe and film with your cell-phone to maintain your safety.

Another indication of a possible attack is a silent phone call. Should you experience this, try to listen for noises in the background - can you learn something from them? Gather as much information as you can at the cost of the caller, simply by silently listening.

The main purpose of threatening calls is to set you up for an attack. The calls are made to unnerve you and so get you to leave your home. They are also made to your family members, or domestic employees and are used to drive them or you to a breaking point.

The scouts will visit your domestic employees and find out information from them. Details regarding the running of your home and what is

occurring during the day are important to them. When they know you are close to breaking point, they will arrange an incident. When you go outside to investigate, the attack team will enter. Fights, burning your vehicle or an outhouse are attempts to get you out of your house.

Scouts

Scouts not only talk to your domestic employees, but they also watch your sleeping patterns. Always leave a light on in your home at night so that they can never be sure if you are sleeping or not. Your employees can never talk openly to you because they run the risk of being identified as the informer and this can lead to them, or their family, being murdered. Should your employee be concerned about security, then you should be too!

Watch out for people who sit in sight of your house for long periods of time. They often sit and watch your routine over days. They use logbooks and have cameras with telephoto lenses to take photographs of you. The scout is well aware of your coming and going. He will pass the information on to the hit squad that will execute the crime. If you find people watching your home, take photographs of them and let them see you doing this. The photographs are useful for future reference and it communicates to the scout that you are aware of their presence.

Common Sense Protection

I keep outside lights off at night. Leaving the lights on creates fixed shadows, which the attacker can use to his advantage. If there is trouble outside, you can switch the lights on and surprise the attacker with the sudden brightness. Leave the outside lights on if you go out at night. This allows you to see any irregularity in your yard when you return.

Make sure that your windows are adequately covered with curtains. It is very easy to see inside when it is dark and your lights are on inside. Lace curtains are useful during the day.

Burglar bars can also improve the safety of your home as they offer a delay value. I remember witnessing a burglar having used a small hydraulic jack to force the Spanish bars away from the window through which they could enter the home. And on other occasions, burglar bars were removed by force using crowbars and hammers.

Alarms are useful as an early warning system, but they do not guarantee complete protection. I have seen how burglars had hammered their way through the wall as they must have known that the building's alarm system

only had door and window sensors. They could enter and exit easily.

I have witnessed burglars dig a hole under an electric fence and help themselves to goods without any trouble.

And yet another, where they came through the tiled roof because of burglar bars and security gates making doors and windows a challenge to enter by.

Dogs are an early warning system and their ability to bite is obviously advantageous when they are trained to respond to instructions. Allow dogs inside the house. They are useful when the scouts are doing reconnaissance, or if they are trying to entice you out of your home. Dogs cannot guarantee protection for you as they associate a friendly high tone of voice with playing and become sick when they swallow a cigarette. If your dogs are poisoned or disappear, you should be aware that an attack may follow. Small dogs are very well known to act as an early warning system with their barking.

Keys should not have a 'key identification number' engraved on them; this makes them more easily identifiable. Rather use keys manufactured with a 'key code card'. These cards need to be removed and stored safely. This forces the attackers to steal the keys to have duplicates made, rather than using the numbers to buy them. If you have a missing key that is later retrieved, you need to be concerned - as this is a common occurrence - and precautions should be taken.

Namola is an easily accessible, free cell-phone application that can be used for assistance during attacks. Pressing a button informs a control center that you need help. The control center then verifies and transfers your request to a dispatch team, such as local law enforcement, who will help you. *Namola* can use your GPS location to assist the dispatch team in finding you.

Enticement

If the dogs are disturbed or electricity is switched off, it might be a set-up; attackers might be trying to entice you out of your home when you investigate. Either they want to attack you outside, or they want to slip into your home when you go outside. Always try to do the opposite to what they expect. They will find out from your domestic workers what your psychological state is like; you might be totally unnerved by their calls. Attackers can pump gas or chemicals into the air vents or through open windows that can make you sleep very deeply – ensuring easy pickings. Women can also be raped while they are unconscious, which occurs when they inhale sleeping gas.

I clearly remember doing a burglary claim for a policeman and his wife

when I was an insurance assessor. They had a few weeks old baby sharing their bedroom and thus slept very lightly; very aware of the baby's needs.

One particular night, they slept through; the baby did not even murmur or wake for feeding. When they entered their kitchen in the morning, they discovered the back door had been completely broken out of the door posts and burglars had cleaned out their home of all valuables.

When phoning for help, always make sure that an attacker, who is possibly outside your house, realizes that you are discussing him with someone else who can give you assistance. When he realizes that he is being discussed with other people, he will soon be on his way. Communication with people outside your surroundings is of exceptional importance for your survival and prevention of an attack. If somebody threatens you outside of your home, such as at a bank, make a scene and implement a similar technique.

Methodology:

Criminals use many methods to help their attack run smoothly. They may have their own agents in the control rooms of security companies so that they ensure late arrival, or no arrival, of a response unit.

If you have bushes around your car, attackers can hide there and attack you when you get out. Ultimately, they want to get into the home with you. They will hide away and wait for you to possibly open the front door, where they will charge you and force you into the house.

Dogs can easily be manipulated. They are often fed meat containing drugs or poison; more viscous dogs eat the meat faster and usually die first. Attackers use methods, such as urinating through a fence over a period of time, to get the dog to become familiar with them. Furthermore, if they urinate on a dog, the dog will never touch them.

Principles for a Successful Attack Against a Person

For an attacker to be successful, there must be: **secrecy, deception and surprise.**

The same circumstances needed to give somebody a fright also applies to successfully attacking an animal or a person. After the surprise, the victim is paralyzed due to shock, and they cannot defend themselves effectively.

You must remain calm after being surprised. The attacker may frighten you by screaming, swearing or yelling. They might also push you around and

cock a pistol near you to overwhelm you. These methods are to try and frighten you into submission.

Your Response

In your Home

You need to remain cool, calm and deliberate during the surprise attack. It is essential that you have a plan in place for every occasion beforehand - this will assist you in maintaining composure.

Never grovel in front of the attackers. Do not act hospitably by offering them tea or wine. After being surprised by an attacker, you have to regain composure and YOU need to surprise the attacker. The only way this can be achieved is if you already know what you are going to do due to pre-planning.

The victim gains control of the situation if he can surprise the attacker. Aim the plan at the attacker's fears. His greatest fear is that he is going to get caught, or even worse, get shot. Your plan needs to have two objectives: instill fear in the attacker so that he won't execute his plan; and placing yourself in a position of defense e.g. get to a place where you can request help. Implementing these two objectives can empower you in the situation.

Mind games come into play when you are under attack. The attacker must be convinced that you were expecting him earlier - by not showing shock when you see him - and that he has already been reported to the police, or the neighbourhood watch. He needs to feel threatened.

He is initially going to be confused and he won't know whether he should believe you, shoot you or run. This will distract him. Give him an idea of what could possibly happen to him - instill a bit of fear, but leave something to his own imagination. Emphasize that he needs to leave before the police, security or friends arrive. Attackers need to understand that if they hurt you, the chances of their escaping safely are extremely slim. The punishment could be far worse if they are caught.

The attacker must also know for certain that you are glad that you can give him your old items because you are going to get new ones through insurance. This will be a shock to him as he assumes that you would be upset about losing your possessions. It is not worth having your wife raped, or murdered, for the sake of your worldly possessions. Give them away if you can get away without being hurt, but do not inform them of your firearm, if you carry one. He might feel vulnerable and shoot you immediately to disarm you.

Your Vehicle

Don't always walk directly to your car. Occasionally walk past your car, look around to see if there is anything suspicious going on and then walk back to your car when you see that it is safe to do so. Before you climb in, look around and make sure nobody is close to you and that they can't get close to you while you are climbing into your car; you are vulnerable in that instant. An attacker might think that you know of him when you look around and this will confuse him. This can discourage him from an attack.

Always make sure your windows are closed when stopping. Ensure your air conditioner is working during the summer months. When you stop at a traffic intersection and someone comes to your window, don't open it to talk to them. Just show with both hands open that you have nothing to offer. They will sometimes try to entice you out of your vehicle by using excuses such as saying that somebody wants to speak to you. Attackers have also slapped drivers, through open windows, to disorientate or surprise them before an attack.

Ensure your car is locked before you leave your driveway. By locking, you will not have to focus on locking when being attacked; you can rather focus on getting yourself and passengers to safety.

When shopping, be apprehensive of men helping with loading groceries into the trunk of your car. You are defenseless when your hands are full of groceries. Attackers have shoved shoppers into the car trunk and driven off with them. If you think that something like this can happen, call a security guard to help. If there are no security guards, stand with your cell phone and talk to somebody. Point in the direction of the suspect and pretend you are giving details of him or her to somebody – this will make them feel exposed and remove the 'secrecy'.

Never ever stop at an ambush! Always remember this. If there are barriers across the road, such as logs or thorn bushes, drive around the obstacles or reverse, turn around and flee.

I've traveled with friends before – we drove into a crowd of demonstrators and they had blocked the road with barriers. I managed to get out of the car and swiftly removed the barriers so that we could drive on. If the crowd had turned violent, we might have had to defend ourselves with lethal force.

On another occasion, a friend and I were stoned by unseen assailants – we stopped our car, did a U-turn and drove in the direction from which we came. Avoid dangerous areas and dangerous situations whenever possible. Prevention is better than cure.



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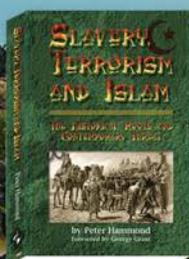
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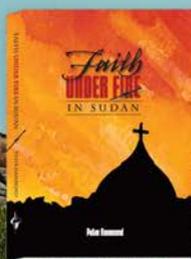


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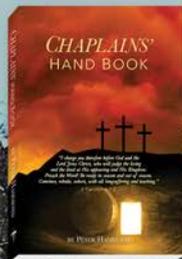
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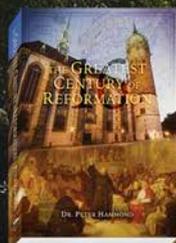
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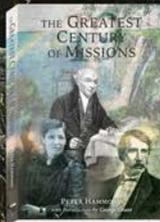
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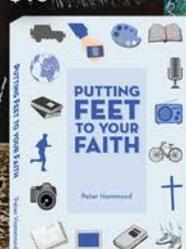
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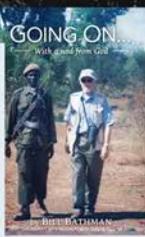
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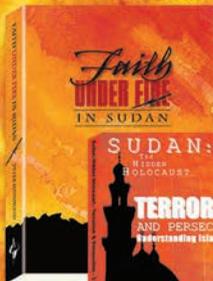
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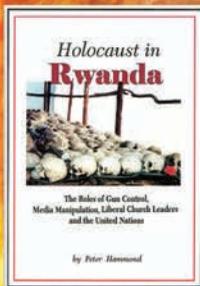
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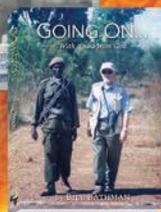
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