

## Assemblies of God Pastor, Congregants Martyred in Burkina Faso



By Kristel Ringer Ortiz on May 1, 2019

On Sunday, April 28, as many as a dozen gunmen on motorbikes arrived at a small Assemblies of God church in Sirgadji, Burkina Faso. According to Michel Ouédraogo, Burkina Faso AG general superintendent, the attackers singled out Pastor Peter Ouédraogo and took five other men from the congregation, executing them after demanding they convert to Islam. Among the victims were Pastor Ouédraogo's son and brother-in-law.

The attack occurred around 12 p.m. local time, just as the Sunday service was drawing to a close.

"Burkina Faso has been a place of relative peace for many years," says AGWM West Africa Area Director Randy Tarr. "In recent years with the rise of jihadist terrorism in West Africa, Burkina Faso has suffered many attacks through its porous borders with Mali and Niger."

Tarr also states that through the valiant efforts of the Assemblies of God of Burkina Faso, local churches have been planted along much of that border. Many of the pastors who serve are working among people groups

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*O come,* **SING**  
*let us* **unto the LORD:**  
*let us make a joyful noise to*  
*The* **Rock** *of our*  
*of our* **salvation.**  
Let us come before his presence with  
**THANKSGIVING,**  
*and make a joyful noise to him*  
*with psalms.*  
Psalm 95:1-2

## Sunday, June 2, 2019

9:00am Pre-Service Prayer  
10:00am Worship Service  
Message: Pastor Anthony Saturnino



## June 3 - 8, 2019

Wednesday: 1:00pm – Nursing Home  
Thursday: 7:00pm – Mid-Week Study

# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Thank you to all who helped with the Memorial Day Parade! We distributed 525 bottles of called water and 180 invitations to join us in church or online to find The Answer to all of life's questions. Please, remember to pray that those simple invitations will help direct hearts to the Lord!

## Brown Bag Theologians

The Tuesday Bible Study will take a short break. Keep your eyes open for the start date for the Book of Romans!

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other than their own, and church growth is thriving.

“General Superintendent Ouédraogo told me that many pastors in the north have been threatened, but that they are refusing to leave,” Tarr says. “Pastor Peter had been threatened before but refused to leave town.”

While terrorists associated with al-Qaeda, the Islamic State, and Ansarul Islam are all known to be active in the area, the association of Sunday’s attackers is yet unknown.

“Please pray that God would put a hedge of protection around His people and also that ‘the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,’ [Philippians 4:7] will guard the hearts and the minds of those serving in these insecure areas,” Tarr says.

