

Missionary Widow Forgives Her Husband's Killer After He Was Murdered Before Her Eyes

The widow of a murdered Mishawaka, Indiana missionary says she has forgiven her husband's killer.

Charles Truman Wesco, 44, died October 30 after he was shot in the head during fighting between armed separatists and soldiers in the West African nation of Cameroon.

Wesco's wife, Stephanie was sitting beside him in a car being driven by another missionary when he was shot. Although he received medical attention at a nearby hospital, doctors were unable to save his life.

Stephanie says she "has no bitterness in her soul against anyone."

Charles Wesco is survived by Stephanie and their eight children.

Hundreds of people filled a South Bend church on Monday for a memorial service to honor and remember Wesco's life.

The entire service, which was posted to YouTube, was filled with prayers, tributes and hymns, reflecting Wesco's spiritual upbringing. Both his father, Pastor Virgil W. Wesco and his brother, Pastor Timothy Wesco, presented messages to the audience.

Pastor Randy King delivered the sermon at the service. He and his family have also served as missionaries to Cameroon, for 30 years.

"We've all lost a friend, haven't we?" King asked as he started his talk. "Charles definitely loved the people of

Cameroon. So do we, having lived there with those precious people for 30 years. We love the Cameroonians. All of them, including the person who killed Charles.”

“We love them because Christ first loved us and came to save us from our sins,” he continued.

“Sister Stephanie (Wesco’s wife) has accessed the grace of God,” King noted. “She has totally forgiven Charles’ killer. She has no bitterness in her soul against anyone.” {eo}

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