

# 11 YWAM Missionaries Killed in Tragic Incident

In a heart-wrenching incident near Arusha, Tanzania, on Feb. 24, 11 missionaries from Youth With A Mission lost their lives in a traffic accident. The devastating multi-vehicle incident also claimed several other lives.

"It is morning time in Tanzania, and we are deeply saddened to confirm the passing of another three of our dear missionaries as a result of the tragic traffic accident. Eleven of our friends are now with Jesus. Two are still in critical condition in the hospital," YWAM said in a Sunday morning statement.

"As a movement, we gather around all those impacted by this tragedy, their families and their communities. We are working to meet all the pressing practical, financial and emotional needs that arise," the statement continues.

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The organization initially confirmed the loss of eight members in a statement on its website on Saturday. "It is with great sadness that we are confirming that eight of our dearly loved friends and honored missionaries have passed away as a result of the tragic traffic accident," the ministry reported. "Additionally, several others, including the bus driver, have also passed away."

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As reported by The Christian Post, "The accident, attributed to a suspected brake failure of a truck in the Ngaramtoni

suburb of Arusha, involved four vehicles and resulted in at least 15 fatalities, including three foreigners, and injured 12 others. Among the vehicles involved was one carrying students and teachers from New Vision School of Arusha and a public bus.”

As the YWAM community deals with this shocking loss, we find solace in the words of the Bible regarding those who serve the Lord faithfully. Second Corinthians 5:8 reminds us, “Instead, I say that we are confident and willing to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”

The sacrifice and service of these missionaries is not in vain, and their legacy will continue to inspire others to pursue a life dedicated to the Lord.{eoa}

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