

Christians, Muslims Join Forces to Fight Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt

In Egypt, the Muslim Brotherhood has promised retaliation against the actions of the Egyptian government and vows there will be much bloodshed. The Muslim Brotherhood has burned 70 churches in the last week. In addition, more than 1,000 people have died, and the families of XploreNations Bible College students were tortured.

Some have called the uprising that took place in June a coup. It was not that at all, but rather a demand to get rid of the Muslim Brotherhood. The Muslim Brotherhood has been portrayed by the media as a group of peaceful protesters. The truth is that the Muslim Brotherhood is a terrorist party connected to al-Qaida and jihad groups. During the Muslim Brotherhood presidential period, Egypt's resources were directed to Gaza to serve people there while the Egyptians suffered.

Over the last year, Christians were continually threatened by the Muslim Brotherhood and fanatic Muslims. Russ Adams, the founder of XploreNations Bible College, which is headquartered in Tulsa, Okla., recently risked his life in Egypt to be there with his staff and students. They walked through Ramses Square, where much of the fighting has taken place. There were burned-out cars all along the streets. Adams was able to talk with Egyptian soldiers who are trying to defend the people. They have vowed not to take any more violence from the Muslim Brotherhood.

XploreNations was to hold its graduation ceremony on Friday, Aug. 16. More than 500 students throughout Egypt planned to attend the ceremony, which had to be postponed due to the impending threats of bloodshed by the Muslim Brotherhood. The

Muslim Brotherhood has made public Christian gatherings some of their primary targets.

The in-laws of an XploreNations student were the target of Muslim Brotherhood terrorism. Their family business and their home were burned to the ground. The Muslim Brotherhood tried to burn the family along with the home, but the family was able to escape. The Muslim Brotherhood captured them, however, and tortured them by stripping off all their clothes, cutting the hair of the women, and making them walk on broken glass barefoot.

In the midst of the chaos and terrorism, God has shown Himself strong. Muslims and Christians have joined forces to fight against the Muslim Brotherhood. Because Christian gatherings were primary targets for the Muslim Brotherhood, Muslims began to do their praying in various churches in the Cairo region so as to prevent terrorist attacks on those churches. This united force has stood firm against the Muslim Brotherhood and derailed many of their attempted attacks.

XploreNations Egypt has survived two revolutions over the course of four years. Students have endured much just to be able to travel to the college campuses. At one point, former President Mohammed Morsi, of the Muslim Brotherhood, put severe restrictions on gasoline so that a vast supply could be sent to Gaza. XploreNations students bought gasoline in individual cans and then carpooled in order to get to the campuses.

In the midst of these uprisings, invitations to open campuses have come from many Arab countries, such as Kuwait, Algeria, Syria and Morocco. Through these revolutions, the Egyptian students have remained strong and determined to see change in their nation and throughout the entire Middle East.