

# **Screaming ‘Jesus!,’ Elderly Christian Nurse Survives Knife-Toting Terrorist’s Attack**

When Palestinian terrorists hijacked the bus Marike Veldman was on, she knew only the name of Jesus would save her.

“They began to cry ‘Allahu Akbar.’ The man in front of me began with a knife stabbing into me,” Veldman says. “The other man started shooting. People screamed very loudly. It was awful. I cried constantly in Dutch: ‘Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus! Help me, help me.’”

When she did this, she said her attacker “ran away to the back of the bus.”

The 78-year-old Dutch nurse is now in stable condition in an Israeli hospital as she recovers from multiple stab wounds, including a punctured lung.

Veldman moved to Jerusalem decades ago to take care of Palestinian orphans and other children from difficult backgrounds, according to One For Israel blog.

“She independently raised Palestinian and Arab Israeli children who came from hard circumstances,” says Nicole Jansezian, director of Christian friends of Shalva. “They were foster children and this was official through the government. The Christian community has responded by providing meals and praying with her at the hospital.”