

The Unitarian Church of Bujumbura in Burundi attacked.

This morning at 2h30, a heavily armed group (approximately 10 people) attacked the Unitarian church of Bujumbura. It is not yet determined whether it is an attack on our faith or a robbery; 2 grenades were detonated in our garden and many bullets were shot in different directions. To get inside the property, they climbed the gate as the rest of the wall is covered with wires. Our neighbors were as frightened as well as the 2 young men who were on the premises at the time. Luckily, no life was lost.

In terms of property, one of the offices was savaged, papers were scattered including check books and a sizeable amount of money was stolen. The minister's office received one bullet without much damage.

This morning I filed a report to the local police and an investigation will be started. It is good to have some expectations from those investigations but not too high.

It looks like, according to the first elements we are gathering, it is mostly a robbery, and the office that was broken into was the accountant's office. Other doors were shot at but not as bad.



The checkbooks scattered and the box shot at and destroyed.



Signs bullets were shot



Impact on the wall from a different side



Impact of the grenades on the wall

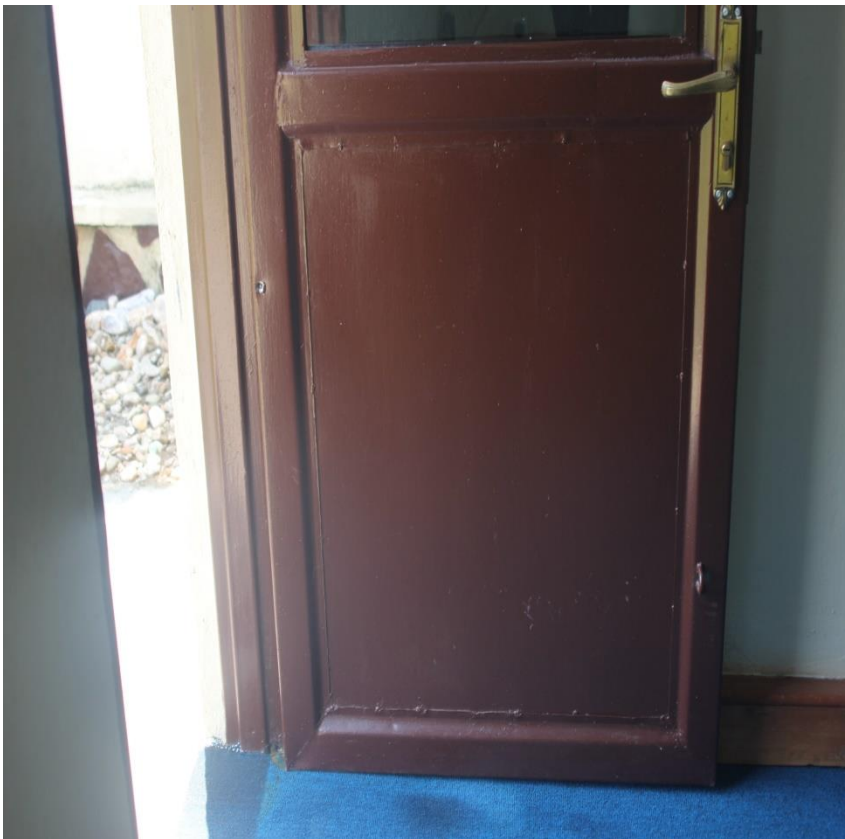


Ladder used to climb back the wall





One bullet went into this room. And a young man was sleeping there



The minister's office was shot but not much damage



The walls are like this with wires. They used the gate to come in and go out.

Nepo and Jean who live who live at the church are shaken up by these events. We are glad no one was injured but we realize once more that we live in a violent world. It doesn't matter whether you are asleep at 2h30, a bullet can get you there!

With thanks for your prayers and loving kindness.

Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, Minister