

Pastor Munana Capenda Pius



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During the war he was recruited to fight and was a soldier beginning in 1992. UNITA took him in 1993 to South Africa to train. After 6 months of training he was made a body guard and he served for 4 years. He explained that young men were captured and forced to serve. They had no choice and many died. He said that the people of Angola were victims of the people high up and politics. It's a past they don't want to remember. He thanks God that he survived and that is why he will serve God until the day he dies.

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When asked how we could pray for him he said, **"Pray that I may continue to spread the love of God and that the church might continue to grow. Pray that we might be able to have chairs in our church and a roof."**

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