

Pastor Catches a Ghost-Thief

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Yesterday, May 27, I was informed in the morning that the Pastor had gone with the village chief and the council elders to deal with something in the forest to do with a 'ghostly shepherd.' I prayed about it and awaited the rest of the story. Then Pastor reported:

"In the afternoon I went with the chief and some village elders, they say there is a young man who was murdered while tending the cattle, and so his ghost is seen on broad day light in a certain forest and people are scared of him, they say each time anyone gets closer to the forest he appears and push back their cattle and no one has ever had their cattle feed from that forest. I went there with the chief to show him that Satan plays tricks with us. I had taught about the state of the dead with him, that's when I heard of the story, and he argued that this person is there and is a real ghost. I told him to get a few of his cattle and some village elders, and we went there. For the first time in a decade his cattle became the first to graze there, and we did not see anything. While there, I prayed and asked the Lord to not leave Satan trick these people anymore. Nobody has ever gotten there and not saw him but we didn't see him."

This was exciting enough but it seems there were more 'ghosts' to deal with today, May 28. I got the report, "Good morning. Yesterday pastor busted the ghostly thief and one thing that has made news around is that the ghostly person here was a man in a ghostly suit. Shall send you image. He tried to rob pastor in the night and as usual people flee when he acts in his ghostly suit at night, and boom, pastor did not run away from this ghost and did rather catch him and unmasked him calling for help, when people came found him in struggle with this guy, he has been arrested. Here is a photo, the black



portions in the night do not appear so you only see a skeleton and run away. No idea why pastor didn't run, I guess I sure would have ran away too."

Now here is the Pastor's report: "Good afternoon Granny. See nobody had ever told me that there was a ghost taking from people what it wants. People here are too ignorant and superstitious that they will believe almost anything and be exploited for that. Around midnight yesterday I heard a wooling sound out of my tent, I could tell that it was a man trying to make scary sounds. I unzipped my tent, and alas all I saw was a skeleton standing with arms opened like it wants to hug me. It never

came into my mind that it's a ghost because I know the truth.

It kept moving towards me but I stood my ground wondering what it was. As it got closer to me I needed only less than a minute to bring it face down and arms back. Well before I knew the truth used to play martial arts and had a black belt, I sure do know how to kick though I was calmed by the blood of the Lamb. When I first kicked it I felt flesh and the scream of a person and that's when it rang in my head that it was a man.

And all efforts to fight back were not fruitful and I pinned him facedown and yelled for help. When people came we bound him. That's when I learned the story that this ghost thief had stolen from people several times, and a legend had been spreading for the past five years that when the

ghost comes, run away and let it take whatever you want. All people who visit the area are told that and comply. I don't know why I wasn't told though. When people saw that it was only a man they know, they were angry and beat him and called the police for him.



But I can't help but laugh out loud how he came out with such a plan, he is just 27, yet can be that diabolically creative. I can't stop laughing. Also after this hilarious event, I went to the police and gave a report of what happened and I learned that most people had not reported their issues as they feared the anger of the ghost. There was a long line of people who came to report the ghost thief, when I got there and am pretty sure more will come. By this I am hoping people will come to church again to see a 'man who would dare attack a ghost' as they say." Amen!