

James & Duncan Westgate Story

In the year 2013 I met regularly with three Christian men on the last Saturday morning of every month to discuss and pray about a project in which we were involved. We met at the Westgate Shopping Mall. In September 2013 the last Saturday of the month was on the 28th September. On the Saturday before this, that is 21st September, two of my associates decided to meet at Westgate for a short personal meeting.

One of the two men had an earlier meeting in the City Centre. The other man lives in Nyari Estate. So they decided that when the one who had the meeting in town left the City Centre he would let the one in Nyari Estate know so that they could meet at Westgate. So, in anticipation of receiving the call from the man in the CBD, the man in Nyari set out to drive to Westgate.

Just as the Nyari man was approaching Westgate, the City Centre man called and said he was delayed and that they should reschedule the meeting to another day. So, the Nyari brother turned to go back home from Westgate. Just as he reached the Westgate Roundabout, he heard the sound of loud gunshots. It turned out to be the beginning of the Westgate terrorist attack of 21st September 2013.

If the City Centre man had not been delayed in his meeting, these two dear brothers would have met at Westgate and would have been caught up in the terrorist attack. Think of what kind of terrible storm that would have been for them. Who knows what would have happened to them – as you know, many people lost their lives in that terrorist attack.