Adebowale Olufunso (Debo) Ajagunna, a native of Nigeria moved to Greece and obtained his PhD in Physics from the University of Crete in 2011. His thesis was entitled “Heteroepitaxy of InN on silicon (111) and R-Plane sapphire substrates” and it was performed under the supervision of Prof. Alexandros Georgakilas. At the time he also served a church in Heraklion. The church is composed of expatriate converts, many of them from Nigeria. After his PhD Debo return back to Nigeria, to be with his wife and three children. On May 1, 2012 he was praying with members of his former congregation in Ikare-Akoko, a city in the southwestern Nigerian state of Ondo, when armed robbers entered the church building. “Everyone ran for their life,” said Eleni Melirrytos, a member of the Omonia Church of Christ in Athens, Greece, and longtime friend of Ajagunna. “There was a pregnant lady who got shot and was asking for help. Debo had already left the room but came back to help her. That is when he got shot.” Ajagunna died from his injuries. The pregnant woman (and her unborn child) survived the attack.

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