THIS CHRISTIANITY STUFF IS SERIOUS

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The British media has been convulsed with stories about Creationism over the last few days. But while questions of origins are important, it is the way is the power of the Gospel to transform lives and help people to face the most heartbreaking parts of life that we should really be focussing on. A remarkable lady called Caroline Vibila Kingonzila has just appeared on our TV screens saying:

> *I forgive them, I forgive them. They need Jesus.*

What was remarkable about this was that she was talking about the people who had murdered her nineteen year old son over the weekend. I've got a son the same age and I can't begin to imagine the agony and pain this lady is going through. I stand amazed at the power of the God, who has suffered alongside us, to deliver people from bitterness and anger in these situations.

Even more remarkably, this family lost another young son to a sudden heart attack earlier this year.

> *"I don't have room for bitterness because bitterness cannot take me to heaven," Mrs Kingonzila said. "Oliver is with Jesus, he was baptized and he is in heaven."*
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> *By my own strength I cannot (forgive) because it is my baby. The spirit of God has told me to that I must forgive, so I forgive. These boys need Jesus.*

This, indeed, is the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The power to forgive as we have been forgiven, the power to step back from the bitterness and anger that can destroy us from the inside - even in the face of unimaginable pain and sadness. The power of God to all that believe...

English doesn't have the words:Â - *ka yuopa, na -bholo.*

You can read the full story here.