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Mic 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."This One will be *our* peace.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”

The End of 2023 and the Beginning of the New

Instead of making an impassioned plea for more money to begin 2024, I thought better of it. Let me instead say that we are well equipped for the mission to Guinea (18 Jan-3 Feb, 2024). I am grateful to you who have sacrificed this year, to support a small but growing, guerilla force of committed believers who have answered the call of Christ to go to the least, the last and the lost but not forgotten of West Africa. You all are my hero's, my supporters, my family in the faith and the struggle for setting the captives free. We have lost some battles (Mahmoud's departure to the cloud of witnesses), but we have won many thousand to Christ in some of the worst areas of Africa, including Mahmoud's brother Ghalib. Pictured here is a man named Yasir (alias) who came to Christ this fall. He has an interesting story.

Prince has ministered in the Borno, Adamawa and Bauchi states this year, some multiple times. During one of his trips to Adamawa, he ministered in a village doing what we typically do. After returning to Jos he received a phone call from a missionary who had assisted him in village selection during that trip. The missionary was contacted by a recent muslim convert named Yasir. He is a former Boko Haram member since he joined in 2014 at which time his wife left him with their two daughters. Apparently, Yasir had been kicked out of his village after having an encounter with Jesus.

Sometime after Prince left the village, Yasir had a dream. In the dream he saw himself in a very dark place where he could not see. Then a bright light appeared in the distance. The light was so bright he could not look directly into it. Then out of the light appeared a face, and it was the face of the man who portrayed Jesus in the film. This dream occurred twice. Wow. Yasir is now in the training center that LBNF supports each month.

The adjusted cost of the medicine for our mission was less than expected, we recently received our letter of invitation and then almost immediately received our visas to Guinea. Cahil has revised his budget twice and he is now feeling secure with what

we gave him. It seems that everything is a go for our mission. Yet, I feel we need more prayer partners to pray regularly for us and specifically for the issues that come up on each trip. So the following is a list. I hate lists actually, but in order not to miss something important, here we go:

1. Clarity of thought and wisdom. I Corinthians 1:30 promises in Christ I have this already.
2. Open doors for preaching the gospel and showing the Jesus film, and providing medical care through our nurses.
3. Team unity. Always necessary, frequently received.
4. Union of all our electronic devices so all can hear the Word of God, and see the Jesus film in their language. **THIS IS KEY!**
5. Signs and wonders. Nothing shuts the mouth of unbelievers like seeing miracles of healing and deliverance.
6. Safety, physical stamina, and protection from sickness and disease, for the team and for our families left behind.
7. Provision. Although we have what I believe we need for the trip, there are three other missions I want to send my men on in January, some of which are funded.
8. Rebuke the spirit of retribution. Muhammad struggled greatly after his successful outreach in Niger, (see backside of this newsletter).
9. Logistics cannot be overemphasized. There are so many moving parts to our missions that must all fit together for His good.



Meet Yasir former Boko Haram terrorist, the newest occupant at Prince's training center.

Intercessory prayer can be a thankless job but for those who believe, it comes with great reward. Not only is Jesus your great and mighty reward, but also new family members taken from the "domain of darkness and the hidden wealth of secret places (Isaiah 45:2,3). Believe me when I tell you, we reach out to the secret places of West Africa. They are unreached for a reason. Geographically hard to get to, expensive to travel to, hard hearted, and sometimes frankly hostile to our message of grace. (turn over to the backside to read about Muhammad's fascinating mission to Niger)

Muhammad was joined by Ilifat and another Ilifat of Tanuot area who is a Fulani evangelist. Also joining the team was Muhammad's wife, a driver and a disciple named Baba Prince (not the principle Prince). The Sahara desert of West Africa and in this case Niger, can be challenging for several reasons. As they left Tanuot to reach their first village of Gurbobo they got stuck in the sand despite driving a 4x4 pickup truck. As it was night and there was not much traffic they were quite concerned. After spending an hour in the sand, a number of men came running to the vehicle seemingly out of nowhere. Not to rob them, but rather push them out of the sand. Muhammad called them "human angels". As they got started late with the program and it was cold at night, only about eight people prayed to receive Christ. They were predominantly Fulani in this village.

In the next village of Elik, there were mainly Tamajeq people there and it was a typical small village. Fifty people came and fifty people raised their hands to receive Jesus. Wonderful. Maiganga is east of Tanuot and has both Manga (Kanuri), and Dagira (Dagara?) people groups. The team was very encouraged as more than 300 people arrived to see the Jesus film and hear the gospel preached. Eighty-five people prayed to receive Christ and they



Muhammad's team in Tanuot, Niger. Muhammad is in brown with his wife to his left and Issa Khouldjami to his

ethnic group in Niger. Achidakohoto was one such village of the Hausa people. There were about 300 in attendance there and two women talking to each other during the Jesus film, were overheard by Comfort saying, "what these people are preaching must be the true way of life." About 100 people prayed to receive Christ. El Kolta was another Hausa village where 500 people came to watch the Jesus film and hear the good news. There were 55 people who prayed to receive Christ. Yet, in a crowd that large we know there were also many secret believers.

In Atale they were received and hosted at the chief's house. All the people were Hausa muslims. Most of the people in the village (over 300), came to the crusade ground. At the end of the film show, over 200 raised their hands to receive Christ. Finally, in the seventh village of Garin Bouweye, another Hausa community of about 200 people came to the crusade. Nearly all those in attendance came to Christ.

Muhammad had some problem with the "brain box" of his vehicle he said as they were now in the Maradi area (they went to three villages in the Tanuot area, and four in the Maradi ar-

ea). The first part sent to him got "lost" along the way from Nigeria.

Then he had to engage a mechanic from

Maidiguri to bring a part with him all the way to Maradi, but along the way, the person who "found" the part contacted Muhammad and sent him that part which did not work. The mechanic came with the same part which did not work either. By then they decided to tow the vehicle to Kano and try to fix it there. As it was already night, despite my objections, they left for the border. After crossing the Nigeria border near the town of Jibia, they were confronted by multiple teams of men along the road, stealing from passers by. One man was singing a song,

"he doesn't collect by force, whatever is been given to him he is okay". Muhammad gave him 1,000 naira (about \$3) was thanked and they continued on their journey.

Soon after "we saw flashes of light at a distance in our front. Our towing vehicle stopped all of sudden and moved forward, cut the towing rope, made a U-turn and went back to the direction we came from. We were left in the car alone. As we were watching these bandits approaching our direction with weapons, my wife said, 'let's run into the bush.' I said I cannot run anywhere (true statement). The Lord is in control. As they were coming closer my wife said she has no blood in her system. Before you know it, the towing vehicle went back to the last group of the bandits and told them what was happening. They then gave the bandits signals not to touch us. And as the bandits came closer to our vehicle and asked "where is the man of God?" I answered here I am. One of them asked my wife "what happened?" My wife answered them we don't know what has happened only that the towing vehicle left us and made a U-turn. Not long after the towing van arrived. I heard the driver saying, that the other people have spoken to them, they should allow us to continue our journey. They didn't collect anything from us (that previous 1,000 Naira "investment" saved their lives)."

So, they continued their journey to Katsina and as Muhammad said, even the government officials (at the checkpoints) were the same as the bandits. What was I doing? When Muhammad told me they were traveling at night I felt an unction in my spirit to tell them "no", which I did. When he refused, then I said "the Lord's will be done, and I prayed for their safety in spite of the bad decision they made." Overall 693 muslims came to Christ among five unreached ethnic groups in Niger. A glorious return for their labor and of course yours. Your missionary to West Africa, Jedidiah. www.lbnf.org, PO Box 50292, Amarillo, Tx. 79159. Do not post the unedited version on internet!



Pastor Issa ministering in Garin Bouweye, a village of Hausa's, formerly 100% muslim.