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Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

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

## **The Sambisa Forest Gives Up its Dead**

In 2009 a young boy of seven lost his terrorist father to war in northeastern Nigeria (Maidiguri, where Musa lives). Also lost in that battle was the leader of the Boko Haram (BH), named Muhammed Youssef. The new leader Abubakhar Shakau took this boy to the Sambisa forest (a stronghold of the BH), and raised him as his own, “teaching him nothing but how to kill”, pillage and burn. When the boy was 21yo, Shakau was killed by the Islamic State, or killed himself, details are conflicting, leaving this man to himself. Last year, the Nigerian army took advantage of the fighting between the Islamic State and the Boko Haram and arrested 60 members of the latter. They were placed in a “rehabilitation camp” for several months. The young man, whose name is Baalan, was also one of those incarcerated.

At about the same time last year Prince had a disciple growing up in his training center in Jos. His name is Batal. I have written about Batal before. He joined Prince in an outreach in the Borno state that resulted in a knife wound. Although it was relatively benign, it underscored the danger of being Christ’s witness among the worst offenders of humanity in Nigeria. Batal was discharged from the training center with high regard. We bought him a megaphone and he began his evangelistic career in a town 40km from Maidiguri named Dambua. While there doing one on one evangelism he led a man to Christ who was recently released from detention. His name? Baalan, pictured here to the right.

Batal understood that this man would be a prime candidate for martyrdom, so he instructed him to travel to Jos and join the training center Prince has there. That was 2-3 months ago. I was in favor of Prince doing an outreach in the Borno state and taking with him Abba a man from the Taraba state, a son of a chief, who led his two friends to Christ. All three are there in Jos. Prince agreed to that but he also took with him Baalan. While they were ministering in the Babur, and Kanuri villages, Baalan led about a dozen men to Christ doing one on one evangelism. Prince’s team saw over 500 come to Jesus in six locations/villages. While in the location of Ngalbi 2, Baalan led a young man of 21yo named Azhar to Jesus. This young man is in the picture with Baalan.

The youth of the village wanted to beat Azhar to a pulp, but instead his father gave him a beating when he brought him home. After that incident he did not want to return home and told Prince he would follow him. He asked Prince where they



**Former Boko Haram terrorist, now disciple of Christ, and proclaimer of the good news to the lost but not forgotten, Baalan on the right and his disciple Azhar. Pictured at the training center.**

would be the next day. Prince told him they were going to rest in Marama, “don’t come”. When the team arrived in Marama, guess who was waiting for them? Azhar. So despite the warnings Prince gave him, he refused to be separated from the team, having left everything to follow Christ. I do not know what will become of this man, but clearly he is committed to the Lord.

Baalan desires to go back to the BH to be a witness to those he left behind. I am in agreement and I believe so is Prince, however, I ask for your prayers that he will not join those witnesses seated below the throne of God, who are asking for vindication like Madou bin Abdullah a man we

lost last year.

Surely the Lord can protect him as he witnesses the grace of God to those who need it the most. I take great pride in the level of faith that I and the team members have, and the zeal to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit into the most hostile areas of West Africa. Ask me about some dangerous or potentially dangerous area of West Africa. Chances are good that either I, or one of our associates has already been there and ministered the gospel. What an honor and a privilege it is. My hope is that not just you who are reading this newsletter but many others will desire the “treasures of darkness and the hidden wealth of secret places.” (Isaiah 45:2,3).

I told a good friend on the way home from a pastors meeting, “you know I am not sure that our team is wanting to share the

“The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest send out laborers into His harvest field.” “Yes”, I said, “that sounds like we are going to have to share with other evangelists outside of LBNF. But how come we rarely run into them?” Oh well, we will persist as long as the Spirit has use for us. Note that I did not say “need”, He does not need us, He has privileged us to be used by Him. There is a huge difference.

Fahad, had a projector that finally gave up the ghost. I sent Prince this month to purchase and transfer a projector to Fahad. I wanted them to work together on an outreach in Cameroon while Prince was there. That did not work out, but the Holy Spirit did direct me to fund a mission for Fahad near Garoua, and also one near Mubi, Nigeria for Prince. Prince is taking a new disciple named Ahamed (I am not familiar with him). Fahad, has taken his long time protégé Joseph with him to Garoua. The Holy Spirit showed me that He cannot afford to let two seasoned evangelists like these men work together when there are thousands of villages that have yet to hear the gospel in West Africa. Point well taken Master.

Pastor Cahil has an elder brother named Idhant who lives in Salemata, Senegal which is not too far from Kedougou in south-east Senegal. They are working together to go to four villages and an area within the city limits of Salemata on June 3. We have funded this mission which is mainly to Pulaar and Julanka ethnics. Please pray for their good success. The ground is actually harder (not softer), the more west we travel across West Africa. That is okay, we are now trusted by the Master to handle this level of difficulty and rejection.

Badr saw over 400 muslims come to Jesus among the Samago near Sikasso, Mali. He said the following, “This is the very first time that the gospel has entered these villages accompanied by the power of miracles and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God in three of these villages, the village chiefs promise to give us land for the church.” That is precisely what I have been looking for among our people, not a church, but the application of the love of God, the Word of God, and the power of God as they witness to the lost. Several people were delivered of evil spirits. Many were healed.

He has three couples who have volunteered to move to three villages there and do follow-up as well as witness in the neighboring villages. We have sponsored one couple for six months, namely Mansour and his wife who will go to the village of Gueneba (see below and to right). The cost of sponsorship of



one of these couples is \$500 for six months. Pastor Mifta, has really gotten turned onto evangelism since we worked with him about six years ago. He said to me recently, “you are the driving force behind our team.” Please don’t get too religious about this we all know the Spirit is in charge. He was just encouraging me. He also said that there are many Malinkes (French for the Bambara term for this ethnic group which is Maninke),

near him. He wanted to go to five villages in June. I told him that was not enough notice and there were at least three other teams ahead of him.

One of those teams which we sponsored is Pastor Yasir who I worked with near Segou, Mali some years ago. We reached the Bozo at that time and he wishes to go on another five village evangelistic sweep soon. It will begin 29 May and is funded. Although I canceled the fourth and final follow-up visit of Pastor Kasim, he has agreed to do another five village round-up of Pulaar (Fula, or Fulani) as soon as I can get him the money (\$2,500). Your help is greatly appreciated in this venture.

Speaking of follow-up Nabil Nadeem has completed a seven village evangelistic tour of several different ethnic groups (Mankanya, Mandinka, Manjaku, Diola and Batalnta). Just 71 came to Jesus. However, in three villages one family of 11 came to Jesus, and there were others who were very interested in a follow-up visit. We have identified the three villages of interest and have already sent him money to do multiple follow-up visits in those villages. Please pray for good success and that the fruit would remain!

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, before I left The Gambia, pastor Lut requested to be sent to an unreached village in Guinea. We planned and sent him to the eastern Limba just across the border into northern Sierra Leone. The recon trip was successful as was the evangelistic crusade. They were most welcome and found favor on their follow-up trip this month in which they distributed electronic devices which had the Bible on them in their language. The men were once again asked to come back. This was the third trip they made. I believe there is an open door here but we will need donors committed to follow-up to help us send Lut to this area. Photos are rarely taken.

I believe the Lord wants me to take a team to Guinea, much further east than this area, called Kissedougou, and reach two unreached groups, the first the Lele, and the second the Kuranko. We will be working with Lut who speaks English, Pastor Dabir in Conakry who also does, Cahil/Daleel from Senegal, Badr/disciple from Mali, and LL myself and possibly two other pastor friends. I want to see if I can locate Isaac in Furanah before we arrive in Kissidougou.

Evangelist Asad is anxious to get back in the bush preaching the gospel and I told him he will have to wait



for funding. As mentioned Mifta is also desiring to return to the bush in the Kayes area of Mali. Finally, Kasim is ready and in need of funding. For those of you interested in getting another step closer to the return of Christ, please consider a generous gift at this time. If you desire to contribute to our multi-national mission in Jan 2024 to Guinea you can specify that on your check if you wish. Your co-laborer among the Lost But Not Forgotten a 501-c3 organization. Tax deductible donations may be sent to LBNF, PO Box 50292, Amarillo, Tx. 79159. [www.lbnf.org](http://www.lbnf.org). Please be sensitive about security when sharing with others (no social media). I love you all..