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### Doubts Dispelled!

#### A young university student struggles to believe the Bible . . .

I met A.Q.D. by God's providence. I had spent a long time talking to some young students near the largest university in the capital city. After we finished our talk, the three young men went to the students' restaurant to have lunch. I went into a small restaurant to have lunch too and to have some quiet time to rest. I had prayed that day as always that God would lead me to those who are seriously seeking for truth. As I entered the restaurant, I noticed that it was obviously owned by a Fulani woman. While I waited for my food to come, I read the AADI KESO (the Bible in the Fulani language). After I was served, I bent my head to ask God's blessing on the food. Now this Fulani woman is the mother of A.Q.D. and he was there watching me while I read and prayed. After awhile, he moved closer and asked what I was murmuring when I bent my head.

I explained that I was asking Allah to bless the food I was about to eat. His next question was about the book I was reading, and I told him it is God's holy word in the Fulani language. As we began to discuss the Bible, A.Q.D., a keen university student, was adamant that Islam is the last religion and Christianity should give way to the new faith. He had many questions about the inspiration of the Bible. He believed that the Bible was full of contradiction, therefore could not be from God. For instance, Joseph, Mary's husband, was called the son of Jacob in Matthew 1:16 and the same Joseph was the son of Heli in Luke 3:23. He sees this as a contradiction and declares that God cannot contradict Himself. Also, A.Q.D. pointed to Moses. He claimed that Moses could not be the author of the Pentateuch because he does not use the first person pronoun in the writings, and of course cannot be accurate in describing his own death and place of burial. These and many other questions have been A.Q.D.'s concerns, leading him to reject the Bible as an inspired book.

For some time now we have been in contact discussing the holy books. He is now beginning to read the Bible. He still has certain doubts about its inspiration, but I can see scales fall off his eyes as he reads the Bible for himself. His attitude has changed significantly from the time he wouldn't even touch it.

Please remember A.Q.D. in your daily prayers. There are certainly other people like him who are very much against the Bible, but as we pray, I believe God will speak to them and little by little, they will begin to read the Bible just as A.Q.D. did. God will ultimately bring a change in their lives.

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### Feature Region: West Africa

"It is thrilling to work with Muslims in West Africa. Sometimes heaven seems very close as we meet individuals who are excited about our message; they seek with all their hearts the way of salvation. At other times it is a real struggle when people don't understand what we stand for



and do all they can to stop the rewarding ministry that we have dedicated our lives to. Despite the challenges God's work must continue even in this hostile environment.

"Despite the roller coaster of emotions from thrill to dismay, we remain committed to the challenge of working among the people of West Africa who have been steeped in Islam for centuries. Praise God, He is delivering many sincere ones from the chains of the devil. Here is a summary of what the Lord has done among our people in West Africa during 2016.

"Once again I thank all of you for your prayers for our work. The various national leaders all want to send their thanks, as well, and their appreciation for your support of the ministry." – Regional Director

### Needed for West Africa Work:

1. Travel budget for regional leader to visit the country offices (\$6,000 USD)
2. More workers for two closed countries are needed now!

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## Spotlight on Niger

Christianity in Niger was brought with French colonial institutions, and its adherents included a few believers from the educated, the elite, and colonial families, as well as immigrants from neighboring coastal countries, particularly Benin, Togo, and Ghana. Current estimates place the current Christian population at about 56,000 individuals with projected growth resulting in about 84,500 Christians by the year 2025. Foreign Christian missionary organizations are active in the country, continuing a tradition dating back to the colonial period.

The first Catholic mission was founded in 1931, while the first Protestant missionaries came to Zinder in 1924 and to Tibiri a few years later. In the late 1970s there were some 12,000 Catholics and 3,000 Protestant converts, with the remaining Christian population made up of foreigners.

A 2015 study estimates some 4,500 believers in Christ have come from a Muslim background. As this information shows, less than 5% of the country are followers of Christ. This is why our work is so important to be able to reach the larger resistant Muslim majority.



## Daily Life: Visitation

The regional leader explains:



"Visitation is core to our day-to-day life and the every key to success of the ministry across the region. Neighbors come by to say hello, and we naturally do the same as part of our everyday activities. Failure to do this in our part of the world indicates that you are a mean person who does not care about the welfare of the people in the community. Thus, everyday we are expected to greet all the neighbors inquiring about their well being."



## Prayers Needed: A Closed Country

There is a particular closed country in West Africa that needs a lot of prayer. It is, as its constitution says, a one hundred percent Muslim country. Even so, we know there are many believers spread across the country. Our leaders have discovered many "insider" believers.

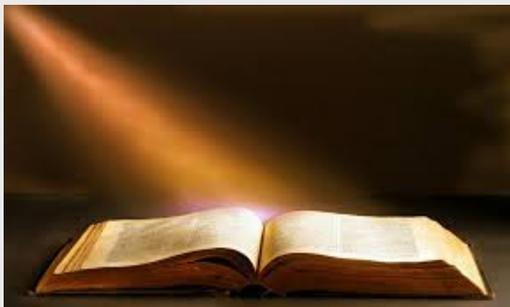


R is a shopkeeper and a strong believer residing in the capital city, while B and G are working near the border. I had brought them in contact with one another so they could form a team. Below are reports of what the Lord has done through their ministry.

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One exciting story is of a believing brother who had lost his memory and who is now completely healed. His parents had said that it was his acceptance of Jesus as Messiah that turned him mad. Many people in his neighborhood said the same. We know that the devil isn't sleeping, and that he will do everything in his power to discourage people from believing in Jesus. However, he ultimately loses the battle because Jesus is stronger than he. Whether or not it was a Satanic attack, the fact is that the man now is healthy and of sound mind. This is testimony enough. He is presently assisting R in the capital city sharing the good news. Since open preaching is not allowed in the country, especially in the capital where one can easily be arrested and put in jail, R invites his friends from the shop to his home for lunch or dinner and then shares little by little the Word of God.

This story, along with many others, brings us hope that God is continuing to answer our prayers for the people in this closed country to heed His calls.



## Urgent Need: Bibles

One of our greatest challenges in closed countries is to provide Bibles for eager learners. The need is great and urgent. At a cost of one dollar per Bible, we would like to raise \$60,000 to meet immediate demands in multiple locations. Please give as you are able to provide the Word for those yearning for truth.

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Thank you for your support,  
and please continue to pray for God's work  
in the region of West Africa!

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