

Ferke News Update

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"Marvelous!" he said when he heard that Jesus was the final sacrifice. After hearing that Jesus rose from the dead, he paused for a few seconds and in a soft voice stated, "Wow!" And his response to the question of Jesus being the only prophet with a supernatural birth, a supernatural life, and a supernatural end to his life, and doesn't that make Him unique among the prophets? "He is more than unique."

I was sitting in his little store looking for a hubcap late on a Saturday afternoon in Abidjan. His boutique was one of the few that was open and right in front of where the taxi had left me. I hadn't noticed it sold only parts for BMW's and Mercedes. So, of course, he had to send someone to another store for a hubcap for a lowly nothing-automatic Toyota. Seldom have I seen someone so prepared by the Holy Spirit. He placed a chair in front of me and began asking questions. At the end of the conversation he asked for a New Testament, and since I did not have one with me in French, and the next day was Sunday and he was closed, and I was leaving Monday morning, he asked if I didn't know someone in Abidjan who could bring him a New Testament. Thank you, Lord. It wasn't just an inconvenience of a lost hubcap, but a divine appointment. Pray for the salvation of Mr. C.

And the marvelous news of the women's ministry? Two things happened during the month of August that are answers to prayers:

1. Gnimeni, my ministry partner, finished three 3-year terms as the president of the national women's association for our churches. The new group of women leaders appointed her as responsible for women's education in our churches in all of Côte d'Ivoire. We had been praying and knocking on doors with the national leadership (all men) with no response. Now the door is officially wide open. One goal is to begin with help and instruction for the pastors' wives in each of the 10 church districts.
2. Fatouma, who begins her last of 4 years at the Bible Institute in October, had a successful practicum working with her husband and with women. At the end of her two months she was the conference speaker for the church women in her area. There were women present from 22 churches along with their pastors. And the response of the women? "Why didn't we start this earlier?"

Please pray for Fatouma as she completes her studies and writes her mini-thesis during this school year. She has sickle-cell, but perseveres with both pain and anemia.

I'm teaching 5 classes at the Bible Institute this year and one modular class at the university level in Bouake in October. I've also started several booklets of biblical counseling principles to help our churches. My plate is full, and full of joy for the opportunities that the Lord has given. Please pray for good health and strength, safety in all my travels, the widow's ministry that continues, and that the lives of the students and the women to whom we minister will be transformed in the image of Christ.

This is your ministry, as well as mine. Thanks for your partnership. To God be the glory!
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