

Moses

- It was a LONG trip, but good. It was full of difficulties getting from place to place. Tamale to Yendi is a very bad road. They arrived in Yendi at 3pm. Getting a vehicle to Tetale was difficult. It was market day and there is only one vehicle for the day and it won't go if it is not fully loaded. They left Yendi at 4:30pm to go to Tetale and arrived at 10:30pm. There they spent the night and the following day continued their journey. Moses didn't have trouble crossing borders because he had his passport and health insurance card, but Abubakar had difficulties because all his documents had expired. He had to pay something at every barrier all through Togo. On the third day they went from Ketaw to Paraku. When they were on the road between Kara and Paraku their vehicle ran over someone. It was a motorbike rider that didn't stop at the barrier. It killed him instantly. The bus had to stop and call another vehicle to empty this theirs. They waited for a new vehicle to come.
- At the place where the vehicle ran over somebody, people ran to the scene to help. There was a guy called Isa who came to the scene. He was talking to Moses. This Isa was giving a history of the man who died. He had shot someone, ran over someone else with a motorbike, the police had arrested him and arraigned him for court, but he ran away. The police couldn't control him. After a time he came back but no one did anything about it. This man was a person everyone was afraid of. They thought he had super powers. Moses used that situation to share Christ with Isa. Moses told Isa that he wasn't grieved about the man's loss of life, but grieved over where his soul was going. Isa told Moses, that everyone uses things to protect themselves, charms, talismans, etc. Moses asked him, what do you think? This man had charms on, what do you think of that? Where is he going? Isa do you know where this person is going in eternity? Do you know where you are going in eternity? It was just like they were talking, what was the state of your ancestors? How do you know that you want to go there? They believe people live in eternity in families, like here. Were they in a state of joy or sorrow? Moses told Isa the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Isa asked if it was a true story? Yes! So Moses said, "Your ancestors have not been fortunate to know this one. The only one who said "I am the way, the truth and the life" is the one you are hearing about today. In their tradition, everyone will bring chicken, goat, and they celebrate in memory of the ancestors. As they are rejoicing here on earth, the ancestors are rejoicing in the after life. Moses told him, "This celebrating with food has nothing to give the ancestors on the other side. You are the only one who is in joy. The only thing that gives joy to ancestors is to know Jesus Christ forgives sins. It's not the death of this man that has brought us together. God has brought us together. God wants to show you the way. Then through you, the rest of the family still living will know the way." Isa expressed his fears. If he gave up the ancestry worship, would he have any assurance of protection? Isa showed Moses a ring he was wearing. He told them that in time of danger, or disaster, he falls down and the next thing he knows, he is in his home. Moses said, "No problem these things, if you believe in the creator God, He knows how to take care of it. He made you. Your ancestors practiced these things and died, but they are not in a place of joy, but their prayer is that someone comes and tells them the truth so they won't go there. Sharing the voice from hell with Isa, got him to know his ancestors were crying and pleading that their family not come to where they are. Isa wanted to know, if he doesn't know this Christ and dies, will he not be in eternity with God? Are his ancestors not with God? Moses told him that he will go to the ancestors who don't want him to be there. At this moment, his countenance changed. He said that he wanted to know this way. So Moses prayed for him, led him to accept Christ and taught him two things: BLESS prayer and the 3

circles. Moses spent a few hours with him before they left that place. He told him to share these with his friends and that God would add to his experience. Isa is from the Bassari tribe.

- Moses called him when he got home. Isa told him that he had started praying with his wife and children. Every night they pray the BLESS prayer for each other and go over the 3 circles. Isa has three children. They live in Kabu on border in Togo.
- The following day in Paraku, Benin they prayer walked in the town. All along everywhere you go it's like someone has prepared the place before you. The first day took them to a place where young men were playing stick football. As they were passing they felt in their hearts that they should stop and talk to the guys. It was a place where people come to meet like a social center.
- One guy came up to us was named Abu, and became the first person of peace in Benin for the team. When they finished blessing them with the BLESS prayer, Abu was crying. As they were going they came along with the team. The team asked him, "How has life been, Abu?" He started to tell his life story. For an income of sorts he, along with many others, would bring coins to this social center. If one wins, you have coins to continue day, if you lose, their problems compounded. There was a woman who sells beans at the social center where the



guys play this game. When they win, they buy food. If they lose the game, they buy food on credit from woman. Formerly, Abu got up every day and went to school. He thought education would help him, but after school, he didn't get a job and he didn't learn a trade. When the team was praying the BLESS prayer over him, the things he heard, he asked himself if these people heard something about him? When the team finished praying, he stood speechless for a time. He was wondering why this prayer touched on things that had happened in his life and he was surprised. He was thinking the team

had met someone who told them about him, or somebody sent them – spies among them. When the team shared the 3 circles, they agreed their world was broken. Abu asked them, "I was wondering if our lives could ever mean something one day." So Moses shared his story with them. This guy didn't believe it. He said its not true! Abu looked at Moses and wondered if he had really gone through all these difficulties. Moses told him that there is only one path he'd found. Moses told him that God had transformed him and sent him here. Moses asked, "Do you believe God will do the same for you?" There were several other Muslims in the group with the team. They stood there and said they wanted to accept Christ as well. The team prayed for them. They asked where the team was staying. That evening they came to greet the team and they sat that night until midnight praying and talking. These guys were convicted that it was God who had sent the team to meet them. Early in the morning when the team was preparing to leave, Abu called. He told Moses that the night before he got a dream. Someone strange was talking to him in this dream. This person came to him dressed in white with a turban on his head. He said, "Abu, Come with me and I will show you what to do." In the dream the person led him to a sea, and many people were drowning. The person said, "Abu, get in and save these people." Abu said, "I don't know how to swim." "Get in and I'll show you what to do." The person lifted him up and dropped him in the sea and he woke from the dream. Moses told Abu, "Abu, this is God showing you what you will do. It is from God. There are people you are related to that are drowning in sin and God has sent you to rescue them." So all six of the guys came. They sat down and prayed, and Moses went thru

the ten discipleship lessons with them. He shared with them earlier how to go out and bless people with the BLESS prayer and he taught them how to share their story and God's story. Abu said, "Earlier, I went to a hotel that was looking for people to clean for them. They told me they already had all the people they needed. After I received Christ and saw this dream, the hotel called me and said they needed me to work." Now Abu and the Fulani man are both working at the hotel. Moses told them that this hotel is where they will find all kinds of people to share Christ. It is a strategic point for you to share your story and God's story and lead people out of sin. Abu said, "It was because of you. God sent you to us. Within this short time, God has taken us out of the games into a place where we can work. This job is giving us 25,000cfa, which is far, far better than game we were playing." These six guys have formed a DMM group.

- The team was walking down the street praying and they stopped at a fruit stand so Abu could buy bananas. Next to the fruit stand was a hairdresser's shop. They felt God telling actually compelling them to go into this hairdresser's shop. They met the owner, Madam Papini and her apprentices. Madam is from the Bambara tribe. Abu didn't know it but they had rented the motorbike they were using from her husband, Fuseini. After they bought some bananas, they were about to leave and they asked Madam if they could pray for her. "Yes, please pray for us." We prayed the BLESS prayer for her and workers. They were very happy. When they finished praying Madam asked where they were staying. She said her father is the Imam of that place. They asked if they could come later to the house when the husband came home around 8pm. Madam said they shouldn't meet at the house, but to meet them at the shop. So in the evening the team went back to the shop to meet with the whole family. The lady, the husband and all the apprentices were there. The team prayed for all of them. Madam shared that she's been working in this profession for a long time. Sometimes she and the apprentices just sit all day with no customers. Madam showed them a charm she received from the Imams to put in her shop to get customers, but so many times no one comes, and what to eat is a problem. So, as the team was talking about the broken world, they were now confessing that they had put their trust in certain things [charms, etc] to bring them out of desolation. But still she would come to work and sit all day without work. The team prayed for the shop. The following day when Madam went to work, she called the team to ask where we were and could the team come to the shop? The team went there and saw they were plaiting hair and people were waiting to have hair done. Madam asked, "Tell us about this God. Is this a new god?" The team told her that this was the God who created everything. He is the god we serve but you don't know him. Madam said that her father is Imam praying to god, but nothing happens. They told her that what she is practicing is religion. That is not same as having a relationship with the creator of all things. Moses told her, "The God I serve wants a relationship with man. He can forgive all your sins and have a relationship with you." Madam



called her husband to come and see. When he arrived they noticed that the motorbike we were riding had a talisman. When the husband came he saw the work his wife was doing that day and attributed it to God answering those simple prayers for them and the shop. The husband said that they had labored long in slavery to this religion. The husband then gave his life to Christ and the team stayed all day with them, sharing Christ. Madam said later that she had

accepted Christ secretly earlier, but was waiting for her husband's response. Both of them came together. Madam was afraid of the husband's response to Christ, but since he declared his faith in Christ, the team brought the two together and prayed for them. They started asking about what they should do now. From what they had seen they wouldn't enter the mosque again, but what should they do? If the father sees Madam not going to mosque each week, there will be a problem. She is the 2nd child of the father-Imam, so if they don't see her entering, he will call to find out why. Moses shared with them that from this day forward; God has taken hold of you. Take a bold stand. God will hold you and nothing will happen to you. So Moses shared the story of the wise and foolish builder, one building on the rock and the other building upon sand. Moses told them to know they have built their house on the rock. Know that the storm will come, the waves will beat against their house, but hold one another in prayer. Moses told them that he would have his family in Ghana pray for both of them. The husband has a twin brother living in Kumasi, Ghana.

- When Moses came back to Ghana the husband called him to tell him what he has been seeing God do. The husband wants them to go to the Imam father, and not hide anything, to tell him boldly about the decision they have taken. Moses encouraged them to pray to commit father's heart to Lord. Last Friday they didn't go to mosque for prayers. This week if they don't go, father will call to ask why. Tomorrow is going to be a day of prayer, definitely the father will call. They want to tell him all. When the team prayed for them, they removed the charm from shop. Madam called to say that she is just having joy in her heart. Not sure what's she's gotten, but she has joy in her heart. So now they close work and the apprentice girls stay back and they pray before everyone goes home. They are asking how they have gotten into this faith, they need someone to teach them to grow. Can Abubakar go back. Look at 90-day plan and see what to do.
- The team went to visit Abubakar's mother who is sick in bed. Every day they went to pray for her. The first day, when the team prayed, she said this is the first night in a long time she's been able to sleep and breathe well. After they prayed she felt like cold water was poured on her. So the woman said she wanted to know our god. They led her to Christ before she passed away. Every time we prayed, Abubakar stayed back and prayed for her as well. She needed oxygen, and she got to point that they had to take her to the hospital. It was there she passed. The team was back in Ghana when they received news that the mother had passed.
- The joy Moses has is that this woman accepted Christ before she died. He went to visit the family in Savelegu, Ghana and expressed his condolences. Three of Abubakar's brothers came to roadside to greet him. They weren't looking that bad. They knew where their mother was going. Moses told them, "Don't worry about your mother because her sin debt is paid by Jesus Christ. Moses met a team of Muslim leaders there. He shared the DMM tool, Any3 explaining that every man has a debt of sin before God. As he shared, everyone was looking at him and nodding their heads. If one commits a crime and the debt is not paid, law enforcement will come after you. So Moses told them, by joy he had not come to mourn with them, but to share in joy that their mom's sin debt was paid. If we grieve we grieve over the living whose sin debt is not paid. They asked, "What are we doing to pay our debt of sin?" Moses told them that it is not with money. There is only one thing that can pay sin debt. There is nothing good in man. When Moses shared that Christ was the only one without sin whose blood pays that debt. Moses knew the Muslim leaders would react as he shared. Later Abubakar's brothers called Moses to tell him that many people were asking, if he was still around because they had questions to ask him. Moses told them that he would come back. Anytime he's coming he'll

let them know and he will come to share with them. The family is headed back to Benin on Sunday for the funeral of their mother. Abubakar's wife was staying in Benin taking care of his sick mother for quite a while.

- These are the five new Leaders in Paraku, Benin
 - Fataw is Fulani from Mali
 - John Fon
 - Abu Baribar
 - Jacob Samba
 - Jacques Dindi



Moses in Togo

- Going to Benin, they were told that if they didn't stay at the station all night and stayed somewhere else, the lorry would be full and they couldn't get a place on the bus. So, they stayed the night in the station and struck up a conversation with a man selling tea at the station named Iddrisu. Throughout the night, a friendship was built with this Kotokoli man. When he had finished his work around 1am he wanted to go home. They asked if they could pray for him before he left. They prayed the BLESS prayer and exchanged contacts. The man wanted to continue their discussion, and asked when it would be possible? He wanted to discuss more.
- When they called him and told him they were on their way back from Benin, he met them at the station with a friend. He said even before this prayer, his father was angry with him, but when he started praying as Moses showed him, the father started looking for him. This past week, he's been in good relationship with his father.
- Again, they talked again through the night. They shared 3 circles with him. He told them that their family worshipped idols. When he was very young he was given a stool, that when he grows he'll be sitting on stool as one of leaders in traditional religion. Because he was scared about it, he went into Islam to avoid being leader in traditional worship. When he went into Islam, he said nothing went well in his life and people kept reminding him it was because he abandoned his family worship nothing would go well. He explained that the tea he was selling was for someone else who hired him to do it and he was paid very little. The man asked, "Are you saying that if I give my life to Christ, I can be totally free of these traditional spirits?" Everyone is telling him that the spirits are pursuing him and nothing could ever go well for him. He explained that from time to time, his mind would go wild and he would imagine things that were not proper. Because of that he lost his marriage and his wife left him. Sometimes he'll go to bed and have nightmares. He told the team that after they prayed for him, the nightmares stopped. He asked the team to teach him how to pray and the basic things he needed to know. They taught him how to pray and showed him some stories.

Iddrisu is full of joy. He's telling the team that he has some friends who are interested in knowing Christ, so when can they come and help them? He is happy, but asked, "Is it possible for someone to come to Togo to help me grow?"