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Stories From Africa

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Baptism in Guinea



Two of eight baptisms as a result of the work of Felix, one of our faithful Gospel Outreach Evangelists.

Led by a Child - told by Simon Chol

In the heart of the Mangalla Internal Displaced Persons (IDP) camp, a remarkable story of faith and transformation unfolds, led by a five-year-old girl named Aluat. Her mother, Martha, had been living as a widow, disheartened and distanced from religion after the tragic loss of her husband, a soldier who died on the frontlines during South Sudan's civil war.

Martha first encountered the Adventist message in 2016 while living as a refugee in Uganda. Despite her interest, she chose to wait for her husband so they could join the church together. Sadly, that day never came.

While living with some of her children in the IDP camp as one of the 2020 flood-affected asylum seekers, her little girl, Aluat, awoke one Saturday morning happy and laughing and Martha was surprised. Aluat told her mother that she was instructed in a dream to go to church today. When Martha noticed that the child was serious, she dressed Aluat and her little sister and sent them to go with an Adventist neighbour but when they arrived, they found that the neighbour had already gone to church. Disappointed, Aluat returned home because she didn't know the way. The following Sabbath, Aluat awoke with the same experience and reported again that she was told to go church.

Her mother dressed the girls and took them to the member's home and this time the neighbour was there to take them to church. The third Sabbath, the same experience happened. This time Martha decided to go with the children to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

There, they listened to a sermon by Philip, a Gospel Outreach Canada evangelist. His message about Noah's call to enter the boat and the end-time call resonated deeply with Martha, aligning with a dream she had had the night before about entering the second boat, symbolizing a new spiritual journey.

Moved by the sermon and her prior knowledge of the Adventist faith, Martha felt compelled to commit to God. Despite

it being her first Sabbath, she responded to the call for baptism and was baptized on July 20, 2024.

Since her conversion and baptism, Martha has experienced a profound spiritual transformation. Once quick-tempered, she now handles abuse and hatred with grace, attributing her newfound peace to God's care. Despite facing criticism from her kin and in-laws, Martha remains steadfast in her faith, grateful for the peace she has found in God.

Martha's story is a testament to the power of faith and the unexpected ways in which God can lead us to transformation. Her journey, sparked by the innocent insistence of her young daughter, serves as an inspiration to all who seek peace and purpose in their spiritual lives.



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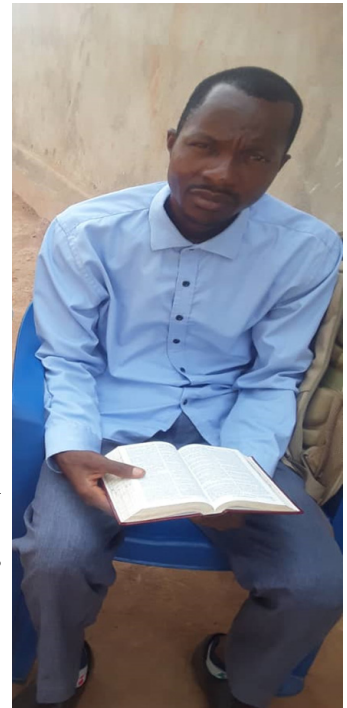
Matthew's journey to faith is a testament to the power of the Bible and divine intervention. Born and raised in an animist family, Matthew's life took a transformative turn when he encountered the gospel of Jesus. Sandy, a Gospel Outreach Evangelist shared the story of Jesus with Matthew. A month after accepting the message Sandy was able to gift a Bible to Matthew, which he cherished deeply. However, his joy was tempered by the need for secrecy as his father, a traditional family priest, would not approve.

Every night, after his parents went to bed, Matthew would quietly read his Bible, absorbing its teachings. This routine continued until one fateful night when his father discovered him. Furious, his father confiscated the Bible and, the next day, threw it into the Niger River. Matthew was heartbroken upon realizing his Bible was gone.

One afternoon, while swimming in the Niger River, Matthew noticed various debris floating by. Among the waste, he spotted what seemed like a odd looking black object. Swimming closer, he was astonished to find his Bible, miraculously intact. He carefully dried it in the sun, and to his delight, he could turn the pages and found it still possible to read each page.

This miraculous recovery ignited a newfound zeal in Matthew. He began sharing the Word of God with the villagers who were intrigued by his story and the teachings of the Bible. His enthusiasm and the miraculous nature of his Bible's survival drew many to learn more about Christianity.

Through Matthew's efforts several of his relatives and villagers have embraced the faith, worshiping God and finding solace in His Word. Matthew's story is a powerful reminder of the resilience of faith and the extraordinary ways in which God works in our lives. The God who floated an axe-head in the Old Testament is just as capable now of keeping His Word, the Bible, afloat today. Glory to God for this incredible journey of faith and transformation!



Spreading the Gospel Through Food - as told by Laye to Esther

My name is Laye and I work as an advisor in the Matam quarter. For a long time I struggled with frequent illnesses, falling sick almost once or twice every month. One day, while at my office, a lady named Esther walked in, carrying a variety of books. She introduced herself as a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist and showed me two books: *250 Recipes* and *Health by Food*. She encouraged me to buy them, highlighting pages that offered remedies for various ailments.

Intrigued and hopeful, I purchased the books and began using the remedies they suggested. To my delight, my health started to improve day by day. Esther's support didn't stop there. She introduced me to her husband, Tranquille, who is also a Gospel Outreach Evangelist in Conakry, Matam. Together, they began studying the Bible with me and praying for my recovery.

Esther's dedication was unwavering. She visited me at my office during the lunch hour every Wednesday, sharing the Word of God and offering spiritual support. Knowing that I was also struggling with demonic possession I asked Tranquille for help. He and Esther organized a three-day fast and prayer session for my deliverance. Miraculously, I was freed from the demonic spirits that had plagued me.

Following my deliverance, Esther gifted me a Bible, marking two verses for me to read daily: Mark 16:18 and Luke 10:9.

Despite my Muslim background, I felt a profound change within me and decided to accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Healer. The gospel of Jesus has transformed my life in ways I never imagined, and I am committed to following Him for the rest of my life.

My journey from illness and spiritual turmoil to health and faith is a testament to the power of God's love and the dedication of His servants. I am forever grateful to Esther and Tranquille for their unwavering support and guidance. I give glory to God for this miraculous change from illness to physical and spiritual wholeness!

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