

Possessed to Free - as told by GOE Malong Mayar

My sister, Akur, had a drinking probhowever, that didn't matter. Alcohol had taken away her love for her husband and family. Finally, after trying to free her from the demon of alcohol. her husband sent her and her children back to her family while he traveled to another part of the country.

I felt that this was more than an addiction and frequently tried to discuss this with my sister. I told her that one day this demon would be overcome by Iesus Christ and that she would be free from the addiction. She ridiculed and hurled insults, saying that I was just wasting my time.

All of us, including her mother, were sleeping in the same room in our apartment one night. I was at the far end of the room praying for her throughout the night.

At some point in the night she started talking while sleeping. It was actually the demonic spirit talking through her. She was in a deep sleep, even snoring, but the voice was talking around her saying, "You, Malong, you think that you will chase me away to leave Akur but I will not accept and I will never leave her no matter what."

When I heard those words I woke up my mother and told her to listen to the statements from the demonic spirit that had enslaved her daughter in

alcohol. Surprised, she and the children lem. She was married and had a family; woke up and listened. Then I said, "Now I know who you are. You will go away by the power of Jesus Christ." When I said those words, Akur awoke and rose up. Immediately she picked up a wooden pole and tried to beat us with it, but I said to her, "Hold it still without beating anyone in the name of Jesus Christ." So she held it up without beating anyone. Then I told the rest to get out of the house and everyone went out including me.

> and came out to where we were standing outside. When she came out, I commanded the evil spirit to leave her in the name of Jesus. Hearing that name, she made a loud noise, swirled around and fell down unconscious. The children started crying, and the neighbours came out to see what was happening to us at midnight. I told



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the people to stay calm and just trust God.

I knelt down and prayed and then the evil spirit spoke saying, "I am the demon that has destroyed Akur's life with alcoholism." I then asked him, "Where are you coming from and why?" The evil spirit responded that he was sent by a man who had missed his chance to marry Akur, so the man decided to destroy Akur's life and family by sending a spirit to cause her to become an alcoholic and destroy her marriage.

I responded, "Akur is a child of God. I command you to leave her in the name of Jesus Christ." The evil spirit said, "I am now going, You will never see her drinking again, I was the one making her drink alcohol." As Akur regained consciousness and came back to her senses, she was wondering why there was crowd at home at midnight. She was told that she had not been well but God had saved her.

From that time on she no longer drank alcohol and started going to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After some months she was baptized with all Akur broke down the door with that pole of her older children. When her husband came back from Khartoum, he was very happy to see his wife changed. When he inquired what made her stop drinking, he was told the story and was amazed how powerful Jesus is. He then started attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church with his family and, in time, also made the decision to be baptized. Akur, her husband Akot and all their children became active Seventh-day Adventist Christians and are very happy in the Lord. Their story of conversion is a living testimony they share when witnessing about God and His power to save His children.

"Whenever I pray, I know and believe that I will receive an answer because my God is a living God who hears and responds to His people. Let's pray in every situation,"

For several years I did not attend any church until about six months ago when we received a visit from a Gospel Outreach Evangelist named Noel. He asked us some questions and left a pamphlet for us to study in order for us to prepare for his next visit.

During his subsequent visits, he answered both our spiritual and personal questions. Convinced that he was honest in his answers and that the Bible had important information for me, I started visiting his church.

Not only was I not attending any church, I was a follower of seven different fetishes from my paternal home. One of these fetishes meant that my hair could not touch the ground—I was never supposed to cut my hair. However, my greatest desire was to worship God. After studying the Bible with Noel, I decided to be baptized.

On the day of my baptism, the satanic spirits that possessed me fiercely opposed it. Because the spirits made it so difficult it took two pastors to baptize me. During the

baptism the evangelists and elders prayed until I was delivered from all these evil spirits.

I thank
God and His
servant Noel
because many
things have
started to improve in my
life. Please
pray for me
and my entire
family so
that they too
may come to
Jesus.

AMEN!!!



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James Mabouch, one of our Gospel Outreach evangelists, who neither hears nor speaks, has been a vessel for God's miracles. During a recent homecoming evangelism series, he was instrumental in baptizing five deaf individuals.

James is only able to communicate with the hearing community through writing or text messages. However, when he is away from home, he uses a friend to translate phone conversations. James communicates the gospel to other deaf people by teaching them sign language in their homes. Once they are comfortable, he introduces them to the Word of God, invites them to church services and connects them with translators who continue to study with them.

Since James's employment as a deaf evangelist in 2019, the deaf membership has grown from three to twenty. Plans are underway for a dedicated "silent church" for the deaf community. Blessings! Reported by Charles Yor

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