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Pentecost in Béyla - A Report by our GOC Evangelist - Henoc

Béyla is a region where Islam runs deep and other major religions maintain a strong foothold, particularly in the forested areas. In the midst of this religious landscape, I discovered a small group of seven Seventh-day Adventist believers. Together, we began worshipping every Sabbath, seeking to encourage one another in our shared faith.

But over time, discouragement crept in. Pressures—both spiritual and social—became heavy, and one by one, the members left the group. Before long, I was worshipping alone. Still, I refused to be disheartened. I clung to my faith, determined to trust God for a breakthrough. Early in July of last year, I devoted the day to fasting and prayer, pleading with God to help me reach souls in Béyla, even amidst the dominant religious presence.

From that moment, I began going door to door, sharing the good news of Jesus

Christ. God soon opened a door. I met a family open to studying the Bible. We began meeting every Saturday and Sunday evening in their home for Bible studies.

Two weeks in, I asked if I could join them for Sabbath worship in their home. They welcomed me gladly and even invited their extended family. That Sabbath morning, I arrived early—at 7:20 a.m.—and we began with Sabbath School, followed by a worship service that ended around noon. The Spirit of God moved powerfully. Several family members gave their lives to Jesus that very day.

We started as just eight people. But when I returned the next Sabbath, I was amazed to find 20 people gathered, eager to hear the gospel message. My heart overflowed with joy—God had heard my prayer!

The deaf are “hearing” the gospel in Africa. Our GOC evangelist uses his bicycle to visit their communities.



Today, we continue meeting each Sabbath under a large mango tree, as there's no building to contain the growing congregation. Each week, new people join us, many drawn by the heartfelt singing of hymns and the warmth of the worshipping community.

In a place where the gospel once seemed to struggle, God is now building something beautiful. Béyla is witnessing a spiritual awakening, and I praise God for every soul He is drawing to Himself. To God be the glory for what He is doing in Béyla!

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The beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Béyla!

Peter is a devoted member of the Payuel Seventh-day Adventist Church. Though a young man of humble means, Peter owned twelve chickens. Yet with a heart full of faith, he had made a personal commitment to return tithe and offerings from his small flock—just as he had been taught in church.

One day, while Peter was away from home, tragedy struck. Upon his return around midday, he learned that one of his chickens had died. Saddened, he immediately asked to see the lifeless bird. Upon finding it, he quietly retreated to his room, knelt in prayer, and poured out his heart to God.

“Lord,” he prayed, “if it is a demon that killed my hen, let Your will be done. But please do not let it kill the others that remain.”

With this short but sincere prayer, Peter left the matter in God's hands. Coming back outside, he told the children nearby to throw the dead chicken away, explaining, “It is not good to eat anything that dies of itself, according to the Bible.”

However, his mother, who was not a Seventh-day Adventist member, objected. She insisted the chicken be prepared and eaten, saying it was not unclean for her. Peter did not argue. Instead he quietly left and went to visit his uncle nearby, allowing his mother to do as she wished.

She then instructed the younger children to prepare the chicken for roasting. The children plucked all the feathers, laid the chicken on a small raised platform, and went to the neighbor's house to fetch firewood.

But when they returned, the chicken was gone.

Confused and alarmed, they wondered if a cat or bird had taken it. But to their amazement, they saw the same chicken alive and walking among the other birds—completely featherless, but very much alive!

They waited for Peter to return and showed him what had happened. His mother, still in disbelief, asked him, “What did you do when you went into your room after seeing the dead chicken?”

Peter humbly replied, “I did nothing but pray. I asked God that if a demon had killed my chicken to stop it from harming the rest.”

Stunned, his mother responded, “Today, I believe in the God of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, for I have seen a miracle with my own eyes.”

The chicken was no longer considered for food. Over the following days, it miraculously grew new feathers. When Peter saw that it had fully recovered, he joyfully selected it as his tithe and chose another chicken for his offering. The two birds were given to the church deacons and sold, as was the custom of handling tithe gifts.

The resurrected hen was purchased by one of the church members of the Payuel Adventist church and today, it's thriving and continuing to lay many eggs.

Truly, the God we serve still works miracles for those who trust in Him!



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