

**December 24, 2024**

**This is why...**

God creates a new Christ-follower!

We thank you!

We continue to invest in eternity!



**Merry Christmas from the Gerbrandt family! We're celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Savior, and the amazing love and grace of God to us through Christ! Join us in celebrating His active work of salvation in our days through our collaboration in ministry in Africa! God is so good! And God is at work!**

## **This Is Why!**

This is the reason for the season! This is the reason we go overseas! This is the reason we give to missions! This is the reason we invest in ATNA Ministries! Rejoice! Our Savior has come! And He continues to save the lost, revealing himself to them! Jesus Saves!

*(This is the report we received this weekend from our ministry partner, Patrice. The name of the convert has been abbreviated for security reasons.)*

Please join us in praising the Lord for M, a Muslim man from the Shuwa Arab tribe, who decided this evening to follow Christ. God Is good!

M has been a student in an Islamic theological school in Maroua and his ambition was to become an important Iman and teacher of the Coran. We have been reading the bible together almost every week for the past 6 months, but he kept arguing that Jesus cannot be the Savior of the world. At the end of each bible study, I would always pray with him saying: Lord Jesus, if what we are studying is true, please reveal it yourself to M, but if it is not true, erase it from his mind.

Today he shared with me that he had a dream a few days ago. A person in white cloth and a shining face appeared to him twice in the same night; he believes that it was Jesus. Then in

that dream Jesus reviewed with him all the Bible studies that we had together and even Moussa Kone's testimony that we watched four months ago. He said he was so astonished that Jesus could reveal to him in details everything that we had studied together. After that, Jesus told him that all he has been studying with me is true--he should believe it. Then he asked Jesus what he should do now. Jesus told him to come and see me [Patrice] for He has already told me about that dream. When he finished sharing, M asked me if Jesus did tell me about that dream. I told him that Jesus revealed to me long ago that he (M) would be His disciple. After sharing a few scriptures I asked him if he believes that Jesus is the forgiver of his sins and the giver of eternal life. He said that he believes! I then asked him to pray to Jesus in his own words asking him to forgive his sins and to give him eternal life, he did it. Praise the Lord!

Please pray for him that the Lord will assure him that he is now a child of God and that he should drop his Islamic theological studies to pursue biblical studies. Pray for courage and strength to stand firm in Christ no matter the persecutions.

## **Thank you!**

Thank you for your prayers and your support in 2024! A special thank you to those who have given above your normal commitment to help us replenish our ministry fund before the end of the year!

We are getting close to our goal.

If you would like to invest in our ministry, please click the link below to give today!

We work hard to steward these funds by investing in disciplemakers to establish the church where the gospel is not known. You can see the results. When you give to our ministry, you are investing in eternity. It may sound like a sales pitch, but that is not what this is. It is simply the reality that your investment is essential to our ministry and God is using our ministry to reach some of the least-reached people groups in the world.

Thank you for your partnership! It is a privilege to serve our God with you in His mission!

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### **Partnering with Kristin**

Start-up: \$7500 to raise initial funds for travel in Spring 2025

Travel: \$1000/month for travel throughout 2025

Salary: \$3900/month for full-time ministry

Would you like to join Kristin in this ministry to the least of these? She is looking for one-time and monthly giving to sustain this ministry. If you would like more information or would like to start giving toward this ministry, please email Kristin at [kristin.gerbrandt@efca.org](mailto:kristin.gerbrandt@efca.org) OR click on the "Give Online Now" button below.

Please help us impact children, their families, churches, and communities so that they are transformed by the love and gospel of Jesus. Thank you!