

New Life

Maliki had longed to share his faith in Jesus with his family for a number of years. God placed it on his heart to go to his home town of Silorola to share the good news, so last year Maliki traveled to Silorola along with MBMSI missionary Phil Bergen.

They shared the message of the gospel with a group of Maliki's family and neighbors of all ages. God worked powerfully during this time, but most people were not yet ready to follow Jesus. When Maliki read the Great Commission to the group, the head of the courtyard said, "We believe what God's Word says. But we can't call ourselves Christians yet. Jesus himself told his followers to go make disciples, teaching them to obey all things that he had commanded. Shouldn't we be taught first before we start saying we are Christians?"

So Maliki, Phil and Pastor Madou returned again this year to go through the book of Matthew together with Maliki's family and neighbors. During this time, the Holy Spirit opened the hearts of many people to understand the truth of God's word.

After his first week of teaching, Pastor Madou asked everyone in the group, one by one, if they were ready to commit themselves to the Jesus whose teachings they now understood. Eight out of ten people responded that they wanted to follow Jesus, including Maliki's mother and brother. And six of these people wanted to go straight into a baptism class!

Pastor Madou spent another week in Silorola teaching a baptism course to prepare these new believers to take this next step of faith. They were baptized on Easter Sunday!

It is not easy for people in Burkina Faso to step away from the mosque and the fetishes that so many people believe in. But God has revealed Himself to these new believers and they now recognize their need for Christ. They understand that they can not be saved through doing good deeds, and know that salvation only comes from faith in Jesus.

The town of Silorola now has its first evangelical church – the transformation of this community has begun! Pray that God will empower these new believers to stand firm in the truth and that He will protect them from any of Satan's efforts to discourage their faith. Praise God for what He is doing in Silorola and pray that His Spirit will continue to move through this town, causing growth and new life in Christ!

*"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is My word that goes out from My mouth:
It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." - Isaiah 55:10-11*

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A Door to Joy

Burathat was burnt out. He was serving in ministry but felt aimless, tired, and busy. So he made the decision to leave his work as a pastor and became a professional musician instead at a local restaurant in Thailand.

During this time, Burathat searched for God and asked Him why He hadn't provided a church that was the right fit for him to serve in. Then one day Burathat met the missionaries of Team 2000 and was invited to join them in ministry at a church plant called The Life Centre. Soon after Burathat had started ministering part-time at the church, he took part in a prayer weekend. It was during this weekend that God clearly called him back into ministry through a vision.

Burathat saw a large door that was barely ajar. On the other side of the door, there was a bright light. When he saw the light, he felt great joy, hope and life. But the door was only partially open, so he asked God, "Why isn't the door wide open?"

Burathat wanted to open the door by himself, but God wouldn't allow him to do this. God told him, "It isn't time yet. This door can't be open by just one person. You must find others to help you open it."

Although he was confused by the vision at first, Burathat began to understand that serving God was not about doing it all on his own. He started to realize that he had failed in ministry before because of his belief that he was the expert and that he could rely on his own strength and knowledge.

Now Burathat knows that serving God is not a one-man show. The door is beginning to open and God's light is shining through! He has great hope for The Life Centre and believes that the church is going to continue shining brightly for all to see. Pray for unity, love, humility, joy, and encouragement in the church!

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:24-25

To watch a video about Burathat's story, go to: www.mbmsivideo.com.



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