

Open Doors

S has been praying for the Ar*b world for over 20 years. In 2008 she attended Spring Adventure at MB Mission, a unique opportunity to discern God's call on her life. Later, she was invited to attend MB Mission's Training and Equipping program (MTE). During this time, she received a specific call from the Lord and was invited to join Team C4 – a team that will minister to Ar*bs and other immigrants in and around Europe!

During Team C4's vision trip to Europe, at an Easter outreach, S met a 22-year-old young lady named Cecilia. S's heart was touched as Cecilia talked about the challenges of living with a learning disability. "I can't finish high school. I am only able to earn a meager salary working at a fast food restaurant three hours a day," she explained. Tears welled up in her eyes: "I have no hope that my future will improve."

The Spirit empowered S to share the hopeful story of Christ's saving grace in her own life. "With Him, our futures are filled with hope!" She offered to pray for Cecilia. Though not a believer, Cecilia openly received the prayer. S hopes to share the heart of Christ with many other women like Cecilia.

"While in Europe we saw a huge banner that read: Portes Ouvertes, which is French for 'open doors.' Our team believes the harvest is ripe for immigrant families and communities to be healed and transformed by Jesus," S shares excitedly.

Team C4 is preparing to move to Europe in July. Praise God that He has called this group of workers to shine His light! Ask the Lord for financial and prayer support needs to be met. Pray for discernment as the team establishes a presence in the community. Pray for women like Cecilia who long for the hope of a better future. Finally, pray a blessing on S's three sons and granddaughter, who will remain in Canada.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord: "plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

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Bridging the Culture Gap

It took our ACTION team three taxis and an hour of weaving through busy Kinshasa streets to reach the church we were to attend that evening. We entered a room with stone walls, large gaps in the ceiling and wooden benches. This was not a North American church!

It was my evening to preach. I was handed a large badge that said "Pastor" and given a special seat on the stage. Church was to start at 5:00pm, but in Congolese culture that really means 7pm! We were expecting 300 people, yet only seven youth sat in the benches. The band started rocking and that's when the people streamed in.

Dance is an integral part of Congolese culture, and everyone let loose during worship! The testimonies were heartfelt. The service continued for hours. These believers loved God, and their worship was one of the most moving and inspiring experiences of my life.

After the service, our Congolese friends asked us questions about life in Canada, about our youth and the biggest struggles we face as believers. I explained that many believe that because their physical needs are met, they don't need God. I am convinced we need to encourage our youth not to view belongings as a replacement for God. Belongings are temporal. Only God's saving love is eternal. As we all shared, we agreed that the opportunity to do God's work is limitless – in North America and DR Congo.

I cherish the memory of that evening. I received more than I was able to give through the beauty of our new friends' love for God. Pray for the pastors of our partner churches in DR Congo. Ask the Lord to protect His children and young adults from temptation in a city ridden with crime and poverty. Pray for MB workers like Delphin, Pierre and Muller who minister to orphans and women in this war-torn country. Pray, too, for the youth you know in your area, that they would not rely on earthly things, but on Him.

Cory Bell,
Congo ACTION team member



Cory preparing to speak

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