



Many years had passed since M last visited his native village. He was one of the first believers among the Worodougou, and he has suffered much because of his faith. But it has also created in him a greater trust in God, and now God has called him to reach his own people group with the Gospel.

In his native village, many doors have opened before him. During the first two visits, five people came to faith in Jesus. On the third visit, the Muslim imam invited him to preach in the mosque on Friday. All the men in the village came and listened as M preached various themes from Genesis to Revelation. The meeting started at 9am and ended four hours later after a question-and-answer time. Many of the listeners were pleased with the answers given.

The imam said, "We have to consider these words. If we had heard them from a stranger (a Western missionary) we could say, 'This message is not for us.' But now, our son has spoken to us, therefore we have to consider it carefully."

The Worodougou are Muslims and animists who live in the northwest of Ivory Coast. They number about 100,000 people. They worship their ancestors and also certain mountains, rivers, "holy woods," and serpents. They are afraid of evil spirits, evil sorcerers and death.

During recent years, missionaries from over ten ethnic backgrounds have worked among them. Christians have used various methods to proclaim the gospel, including friendship evangelism, humanitarian aid, open-air evangelism in the villages, the Jesus film and audio-cassettes of God's Word. Some Worodougou have experienced dreams and healing. New Worodougou believers have been inviting their own people to believe in Jesus through personal testimonies.

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Pray

- ▶ Pray for the indigenous believers who are telling Bible stories in a chronological fashion to bring their people to faith.
- ▶ Pray that the Word of God may spread like a bush fire into all 200 towns and villages of the Worodougou tribe.
Pray that the growing churches will be characterized by their obedience to God.
- ▶ Ask the Lord to raise up spiritual leaders who can reach the approximately 20 un-reached people groups living in the surrounding area of northern Ivory Coast.

