

## Testimonies from Africa

I am from the Kanuri ethnic group in Nigeria. I did Qur'anic studies in Nigeria and Cameroon, and I even received a scholarship to study in Saudi Arabia. After coming home, I became a Muslim chaplain in a large prison. There I met a Christian who was also a chaplain, and we became friends. I wanted this man to become a Muslim, but his life impressed me greatly. I invited him to attend the regular Muslim Friday prayers with me, and he invited me to several Christian worship services. Unexpectedly I found myself asking God which was the right way.

Not long afterwards I received a letter from one of my former Muslim spiritual leaders who had become a Christian. He challenged me to seek God to know the truth, and it was then that the Lord revealed Himself to me. I declared myself as a Christian along with my former spiritual leader. Four times I was nearly murdered by members of my own family who wanted me to return to Islam. The church in my community was attacked because of my conversion as well. Eventually some Muslims captured me and asked me to recite the Muslim confession of faith — the Shahada — or else they would kill me. I told them that it was not I who was in danger, but in reality they were in great danger. They beat me till I lost consciousness, but I survived. Later I had problems with the police, but God delivered me. I continue to serve the Lord with my whole heart.

Last year an African prayer group of five participating in "30 Days" had the following experience:

On the 17th day of prayer during Ramadan, the Imam who was leading the local prayers found it impossible to continue praying. Another Imam also tried but also found it impossible to pray in the Muslim fashion. Then the first Imam saw in a vision that the local

Christians who were praying at the same moment were actually blocking the Muslim prayers. In the vision it was as though both

sides were throwing rocks at each other in prayer, but the Christian rocks were breaking the Muslim rocks. The Imam even asked the Christians not to pray at the same time as the Muslims. After this event several young Muslims came to faith in Christ.

