

1 A Testimony from the UK

Last year in the UK version of "30 Days" there was a testimony about two young Muslim men. Here is an update about one of them.

Times were difficult for Abdul (not his real name), financially and otherwise. He lived with Muslim friends and felt he could not be open about his growing interest in Jesus. He read his Bible when no one was around and endeavored to find Christian friends, but he was fearful of going to a local church. One of his housemates persuaded him to go to the mosque, but he felt so offended about what was being taught there that he left the mosque saying he would never go back.

Abdul's personal love for Jesus has grown steadily over the past year as he has seen God answer his prayers for work. On a recent visit to his home country, he was able to share with his family about his love for the Lord. They have been so open that Abdul believes they will soon become followers of Jesus.

Back to the Bible in the suburbs of France

Yosri (not his real name) belongs to a large family of first-generation Algerians in the suburbs of Lyon, one of France's largest cities. In the 1980s, he witnessed the same trouble and racial tensions in his area that were reported in France's suburbs in November 2005.

Yosri was educated in the Islamic traditions of his parents and spent his spare time playing soccer or "hanging out" with other boys. One Saturday afternoon, another option arose when he was invited to attend a Bible club run by a local missionary. Soon, going to Bible club became a regular pastime for Yosri and his friends. But, unlike his fellow North Africans who were deterred by criticism and opposition, he attended the club through his teenage years, and started to read and study the Bible for himself.

Gradually, the Word of God sown in Yosri's life began to bear fruit. After completing his military service, he was led to study at a Bible College in the UK.

Today, he has a key ministry working in theological training. This involves preparing courses specifically for the needs of believers from a Muslim background and traveling into North Africa to provide Bible teaching and training. Please pray for Yosri and others like him who have been called to train leaders and serve the Church in North Africa.

