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"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in." **ISAIAH 55:11** 



# Taking the Gospel to North Africa





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Dear Friends.

Greetings in the name of Jesus! We are so grateful for your prayers and support as we continue to bring the Gospel to the nations. This past month, we had the opportunity to travel to a closed country in North Africa, where we encountered both resistance and incredible moments of God's power at work.

## A Nation in Need of Truth

This country presents itself as welcoming to tourists, as tourism is a significant source of income. However, beneath the surface, there is deep spiritual darkness, and the government tightly controls religious activity. While they claim to allow religious freedom, the reality is far different. Christians are often monitored, and sharing the Gospel is strictly forbidden. Despite these challenges, we knew God had called us to bring His Word to those seeking truth. We carried Bibles, tracts, and Gospel materials in hopes of reaching those who were searching. It was a trip where our faith was tested at every turn-facing opposition yet experiencing undeniable moments where God showed up in powerful ways.

## Interrogation at the Border

Upon arriving, we were immediately pulled aside by security officials. They went through all of our belongings, searching for anything that might be considered "illegal literature." One officer, in particular, was aggressive, making it clear that we were not welcome to share our faith. I kept reminding them, "You say you welcome tourists, but is this how you treat visitors?" They were frustrated but hesitant to be too harsh, knowing that mistreating foreigners could damage their country's reputation. As they confiscated our Bibles, I shared with them, "We are Christians. We love Jesus and came to bring you the truth of the Gospel. You say you believe Jesus is a prophet, but have you read His book?" One of the officers softened as we spoke. Before we left, we laid hands on them and prayed that God would reveal the truth of Jesus to them. Even the hardest hearts began to change in that moment.

## A Divine Appointment in a Taxi

One of the most incredible moments of the trip came through an unexpected meeting with a taxi driver. One morning, after visiting a historical site, we hailed a taxi back to our hotel. The driver was a kind and friendly man from an indigenous people group in the country. Later that afternoon, we went to a mall in a city of over a million people. After shopping, we hailed another taxi to return to our hotel. To our amazement, it was the same taxi driver from the morning! We knew then that this was not a coincidence but a divine appointment. I turned to my teammate and said, "We have to share the Gospel with this man." We handed him a Gospel of John, and his reaction was unforgettable. He kissed the booklet, pressed it against his chest, and kissed us on both cheeks. He was overwhelmed with gratitude, thanking us repeatedly. He knew this was a gift from God.

## **Encounters on the Streets**

In one city, we met a man named Musa. We handed him the Gospel of John, and a teammate gave him a card with a QR code to watch the Jesus Film. He received it eagerly. But as we continued, we encountered another hostile man. He refused the material, and soon after, undercover police approached us. Dressed in plain clothes, they demanded our passports and began questioning us. They warned us that we could not distribute Christian literature without government permission-permission that we knew would never be granted. After holding us for an hour and a half, they finally returned our passports and let us go. Praise God for His hand of protection on us!

#### Planted Seeds and Hidden Gospel Messages

Despite opposition, we continued sharing discreetly. In a crowded market, we hid Gospel materials in shops, leaving them for people to find later. We call this "planting"-trusting that God will lead the right person to the right message at the right time. Unfortunately, the authorities were watching. Security cameras caught us, and later, police stopped our team again. They showed videos of us hiding literature and accused us of spreading illegal materials. I challenged them, "You say Jesus is a prophet. Why are you angry that we are giving out His word?" They had no answer. Eventually, they let us go with a warning: "If you do this again, you'll be in big trouble."

## The Gospel is Advancing

Despite the challenges, we know that God's Word never returns void (Isaiah 55:11). Though authorities tried to stop us, many tracts and Bibles ended up in the hands of those seeking truth. Meanwhile, we are hearing reports that over 500,000 people from one of the indigenous people groups are coming to Christ through dreams and visions across North Africa. Many are desperately searching for Bibles, and we believe God is calling us to begin smuggling Bibles to equip these new believers.

## How You Can Pray

Please continue to pray for:

- The seeds that were planted to take root in the hearts of those who received Scripture.
- The officials who stopped us-that God would reveal Himself to them.
- More open doors for the Gospel in North Africa.
- Provision and boldness to bring Bibles into Tunisia for the growing indigenous church.

We are so thankful for your support and prayers. Together, we are bringing the Good News to the ends of the earth.

#### In Christ.

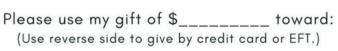
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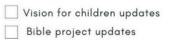




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