

Alima is introduced to God's Word

"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18 (NASB)

Working in her garden with her daughters, Alima (ah-LEE-mah) realized that she needed seeds. I gave her some when I found out, and frequent visits began. When prayerwalkers were in the village, we prayed with Alima, at her request, that she would have peace in her heart.

Later, Alima's husband died. During her four-month grieving period, the Holy Spirit led me to visit her. I said I would return to teach her God's Word in order to soothe her heart.

The first teaching visit, Alima invited a friend. Grasping truth, both women were excited when they didn't have to pay to hear the stories. They asked if they could hear more every day.

Often it was just Alima, but at times, Souliman (SUE-lee-mahn), an old, partially blind man, would come. Alima usually repeated phrases to the old man and even would add commentary! Both were entranced by the Old Testament prophecies. I asked, "What will He be called?" Alima responded, "Wonderful." Then in her own language, she gave a name for Him that had not been in the prophecies, "The fulfillment [completion] of the promise." Her words were pure revelation, as I had never used that term. Alima then wanted to know when He would come. "We will see," I replied.

Souliman asked if these stories would be told everywhere. I answered that I would tell anyone who wanted to hear.

Alima said, "My heart was crushed, and these stories are repairing it. All I want to do is follow God's path. Everyone needs to know this."

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