

Jesus is the only way for Alima

“For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light.” Isaiah 60:2–3a (NASB)

Alima (ah-LEE-mah) looked at the old man and said, “Souliman (SUE-lee-mahn), what are we going to do?” The old man said, “The Father and the Son are the same.”

“Can’t we just accept Christ in our hearts?” asked Alima, afraid of the response from her Muslim family. I was hesitant to answer. The Holy Spirit would have to convict them of trying to hold on to Islam.

Alima, Souliman and her daughters then confessed Christ as Savior. They were still troubled, probably a sign of the genuineness of their conversions and conviction by the Holy Spirit about Islam.

We began discipleship lessons the next day. They seemed somewhat nervous and expected a list of rules. Actually, the list was this: the assurance of being God’s child, being free in Christ, praying, loving one another and loving Jesus. By the end of the day, they readily admitted their faith in Christ and expressed joy.

Another day, I asked, “Who walks in darkness?” Alima said, “The Mohammedans. They say we can’t know Jesus as Savior. But Jesus is the truth and the only way.”

One daughter said, “At night before I fall asleep, I think about Jesus. It is as if He is knocking at the door saying, *Let Me come in and talk to you!*”

I replied, “That is the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that Jesus stands at the door and knocks, and whoever will let Him come in, He will come in and be with him. You have opened the door to your heart, and now He is there to talk to you.”

She grinned from ear to ear.

—A WORKER IN WEST AFRICA

Thank You, Father, FOR THE REDEMPTION OF ALIMA’S FAMILY AND FRIEND. ALLOW THEM TO GROW STRONG IN THE FAITH, EVEN WHEN PERSECUTED BY MUSLIMS. BRING YOUR WORD TO MUSLIMS ALL OVER WEST AFRICA SO THEY WILL SEE THAT JESUS IS THE TRUE WAY OF SALVATION. *Amen.*