

Volunteers and prayer make a difference

“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.”
Jeremiah 29:12 (NASB)

There are about 5,000 Marensé (muh-RON-say) people in Burkina Faso (ber-KEE-no FAH-so). A few years ago, a missionary couple heard that the Marensé were totally without the gospel. Needing help, the couple invited college students to go from village to village to prayer-walk and to lay the groundwork for what was to come.

Later that year, two-year missionaries moved into Marensé villages to live primitively. These young people faced these living conditions with excitement and enthusiasm, and they began to learn the Marensé language and culture. As they progressed with the language, they began to tell Bible stories, beginning with the Old Testament and chronologically working their way through the Bible. The Marensé people adopted them, making them a part of their families and village life. They attended weddings and funerals, walked to the market and used opportunities to share their faith with the people.

The next summer, 100 volunteers and 25 summer missionaries worked with the young adults to share Christ with 95 percent of the Marensé. Through drama, music, the *JESUS* film and sports events, the gospel was presented. As a result, 50 of the Marensé came into the kingdom of God. Now these new believers are walking miles to surrounding villages to be witnesses to their own people.

College students called on the name of the Lord for a people group they had never seen. Prayer broke the hard ground of this land so that those who followed would be able to plant the seeds and see God reap the harvest.

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Falber, I PRAY FOR THE MARENSE AND OTHER PEOPLE GROUPS OF BURKINA FASO TO HEAR THE GOSPEL THROUGH VOLUNTEERS AND TWO-YEAR MISSIONARIES. MAY THERE BE A GREAT HARVEST IN THIS AREA. RAISE UP VOLUNTEERS TO SPEND TWO WEEKS IN AREAS THAT ARE LOST, SO THAT THE GOSPEL CAN BE BROUGHT. *Amen.*