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Bringing Life to Gurumbelle

Sometimes late at night Ahmed thought about his older sister. She would've turned 15 this year. He remembered her singing a solo in their school choir, dressed in her yellow dress, her teeth flashing a wide smile.

She had loved everything about school. In fact, when Dery stayed home from school that first day, that's when Ahmed had known how sick she really was.

He remembered the worry on his parents' faces when they had discussed his sister's symptoms. Chills, muscle pain, nausea, a cough: the cyclical nature of it all had warned them of the seriousness of her condition. Malaria.

But there was no clinic nearby, and they had no transportation. There really was nothing to be done.

Some nights, like tonight, Ahmed still missed Dery.

The year that Dery died, 23 other villagers also had succumbed to malaria. Then the preachers—including the white foreigner—gave out mosquito nets. The very next year, only one person died from the same disease.

Sometimes Ahmed thought a little bit about the "what ifs." What if they had received a mosquito net sooner? What if Dery had been able to go to a medical clinic?

But he was thankful for the nets now. And, he had heard a rumor that a clinic was going to be built soon. With that thought, Ahmed turned over on his side and drifted off to sleep.



While Ahmed and Dery are fictional characters, the truth of the medical need in Gurumbelle, Ghana, is very real. Then-missionary Jere Gowin did hand out mosquito nets in 2010, which saved lives over the next year. But there is no medical assistance beyond what little relief our traveling pastors are able to provide.

Registered nurse Oleta Witt has accepted the call of God to move to Gurumbelle and administer a medical clinic there. The World Mission Board has set a date of February 1, 2016, to begin construction on the clinic and living quarters. Your gift to this year's Annual Harvest Offering will go toward this building which will provide Oleta a chance to minister to the physical and spiritual needs she encounters.

Will you give? Will you help bring life to Gurumbelle?

Your gift helps build a medical clinic in Ghana. Your gift brings life.



Gabe, Erica, and
Claire Wait –

Under
Appointment as
Missionaries to
the Muslim
World



Students at
our school in
Totoye, one
of the schools
that receives
food through
our Foodbank.

AROUND THE WORLD

MUSLIM WORLD

The Wait family has a new destination in mind for next summer. Here is what they recently wrote: “During our (visit) in Indonesia, we felt the Spirit pushing us toward more preparation in how to reach Muslims abroad. We saw the need for mentorship, training, and schooling in areas very specific to Muslim Background Believers, team life, and discipleship. Therefore, we have decided to attend a year-long training program in New York City that does just this!

“After a year in NYC, we will be moving overseas to work with Muslims from the 10/40 window. We are still praying about what specific country that might be.”

Please pray for the Waits as they raise support for the next four years of ministry. Ask God to guide them and give them souls for Kingdom, beginning in New York City, itself home to over 10% of the U.S. Muslim population.

HAITI

We know that Kingdom work is much more than numbers. It’s about the Word being planted in people’s hearts. However, sometimes numbers reflect how the Spirit is working. We recently received updates from Haiti:

- Last school year, 819 students were taught at our six schools.
- When taking state exams, 94% of our students passed.
- Three schools received 900 cases of food packaged by Feed My Starving Children. Donations to World Missions covered the shipping costs, as well as other in-country expenses.
- Among our 13 churches, 300 people were saved and 97 were baptized this year!

Praise God for our dedicated Haitian pastors and teachers and for our national director, Pastor Samson. Please keep praying.



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