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The African Baptist Church of Senegal had a wonderful time of ministry and fellowship during the Christmas season. Several visitors came to the Sunday morning service. Pastor Malick and several members of the church ministered to over 100 street kids on the Friday before Christmas, passing out clothing and candy as well as sharing the gospel and showing a Bible film.

Pastor Malick also shared with me an opportunity he had to lead a man to Christ. Whenever Malick visits the capital, he stays at a mission guest home where he has developed a friendship with the guardian. The guardian has worked for this mission guest home for over 25 years. He has heard the gospel numerous times from missionaries and national believers, yet he continues to follow the religion he was born into (Islam). During a recent trip, Malick spent an hour discussing the nature of Christ as the Word of God. A great hinderance to Muslims coming to Christ is the truth that Jesus is God. They are taught from a young age, and they repeat in every prayer, that God has no Son. Despite this teaching in Islam, the Quran does teach that Jesus is both the Spirit of God and the Word of God. Using this as a launching point, Malick was able to share what the Scriptures teach concerning the nature of Christ as the Word. Not long after this conversation, a pastor who works at the mission told Malick that the guardian had confessed faith in Christ, in large part due to the conversation he had engaged Malick in. What a blessing to see the Lord at work!



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