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## Evangelism Resistance and Reactions

“Are you kaffir?” This question was recently posed to our partner, Pastor Malick Diop by a man who had received a gospel tract. Kaffir basically means infidel and is meant as an insult. Most who follow the traditions of Islam have memorized scores of verses from the Quran in its original language of Arabic. Islam teaches that the Quran cannot be translated into any other language. Therefore, any translation you may have read in English of a Quranic verse is categorized as an interpretation of the Quran, but does not carry the authority of the original Arabic. Because of this, the majority of non-Arabic Muslims do not have a deep grasp of Arabic/Quranic terminology. When Malick (who was raised in a Muslim family) pressed this man to explain what he meant by kaffir, the man could not come up with a reply. He simply did not know how to define the word he used to describe us.



The majority of resistance we face by Muslims is based upon ignorance and blind acceptance of the teaching of religious leaders. The religious system found in Senegal places a great emphasis on the power of the ‘marabout’ to intermedate for his disciples before God. Most people are depending upon the good works, prayers and promises of their religious leaders to guide them to heaven. The heartbeat of our ministry is Acts 26:18. We desire that God would use us “to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in (Christ).”

Please pray for the various ministries of our ministry “Yaakaar Ju Sax” (Living Hope). Every month, thousands of tracts are being distributed and thousands view are gospel films online. Although we often face resistance to our outreach, many are responding positively and are asking questions and seeking more teaching on the Bible. Pray that God will “open their eyes” that they may be saved.

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