

The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

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Dear Supporting Friends,

Sem Matundu is a 14-year old young man from Congo who was recently transferred to our local refugee center. His family, like many others, is housed in a small, one-room apartment provided by the government while they navigate the lengthy immigration process. Sem's mother was the first to attend services and mentioned to us that she had five children at home. Soon after, Sem and his siblings started coming to Bible studies, as well as to other activities for teens and children. On February 23, I sat down with Sem for a one-on-one talk and had the privilege of leading him to the Lord.

That same day, my boys and I went upstairs to the 3rd floor of the same apartment building and met with Love. Love is a 10-year-old who has Congolese roots but was raised in South Africa. Coming to France was a struggle for her because English is her primary language. Love had already heard the Gospel many times in Janice's class, so after showing her some verses—she called on the Lord to save her.

Recently I received a call from a French social worker named Karine. I have a good working relationship with her because I have assisted her in translating for English-speaking refugees on several occasions. Knowing I am a local pastor, she went out of her way to call me and tell me about a Muslim man at the refugee center who wanted to learn more about Christianity. I couldn't believe my ears! An unbeliever was contacting me so that I could witness to a Muslim!

Ali Souaré is from Guinea, West Africa, and was brought up as a Muslim. His mother was a child bride at 14 who died shortly after his birth. Raised by his grandmother, he learned the tenets of Islam but did not agree with the calls for violence, knowing in his heart it was wrong. In Islam, it can be very dangerous to ask questions and to doubt the word of Mohammed. But by the time he was a young man, Ali felt emboldened and began inquiring about Jesus. Unfortunately, the situation escalated quickly, and he was forced to flee Africa because of death threats. Karine gave me his number, so I called him up and offered him a ride to church that next Sunday. For the last six weeks, Ali has been coming to church and reading the Bible I gave him. We have been meeting for extra Bible studies to go through key Scriptures; Ali also calls me from time to time to ask specific questions about Christ. We really want this young man to be saved! It is not an accident that God put him on our doorstep!

You play an important role in the souls that we are reaching here in France. Thank you!

In Christ,

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