

AHMED'S DREAM



As tens of thousands of people from this North African country come to faith in Jesus, terrorists from a major religion have also increased their violent activities. What is giving so many people from this major religion the courage to put their faith in Jesus Christ in spite of increased threats from religious fundamentalists? It is the manifestation of God's miraculous power across the country that is giving earnest seekers the courage to commit their lives to Christ, whatever the cost.

A short time ago, Ahmed* was one of the terrorists hiding in the forests. He was not only hiding from government troops but also from God. Ahmed had recently heard a believer talking about Jesus. His heart was warmed as he listened, but he quickly hardened himself to the message because of his commitment to his radical religion. For weeks the Holy Spirit continually brought the believer's words about Jesus to his mind, but each time he resisted. One night Ahmed was camped in an abandoned house with a dozen guerilla fighters. Dreams came throughout the night. Each dream brought a new terror as Ahmed faced wild animals, rival military factions, government troops, flood and fire. In every dream, a Person in white offered to save Ahmed, if only he would trust Him. Each time Ahmed ignored the offer and tried to save himself until his courage was gone.

Finally Ahmed asked in his dream, "Who are you?" "I am Jesus," the Man said. "I can save you if you will trust me." Ahmed expressed his willingness to trust Jesus and immediately he awoke to find all of his companions lying dead on the floor. They had all been decapitated! Ahmed ran from the abandoned house and a few days later found his way to our Bible school where he recounted this story. We explained the gospel to Ahmed and he made Jesus his Lord. A short time later he enrolled in the Bible school and is now preparing for ministry.

TERRORIST JUDGE ACCEPTS CHRIST

Several believers from this North African country recently have been prosecuted for sharing their faith. The government is accusing them of "Shaking the faith of [the major religion]." If convicted they could receive up to three years in prison. One young defendant was being reprimanded severely by a judge when the Holy Spirit came upon him. He told the judge, "The Lord who loves me, loves you too!"

Immediately the judge was reminded of a Christian classmate who had told him the same thing when he was a young boy. The Holy Spirit began to stir the judge's heart. By the end of the second hearing, he asked the young believer for a Bible and for his phone number. He has since become a believer in Jesus and was baptized in water.