

I HATE MUSLIMS, I LOVE MUSLIMS

Luke 23:34

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

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My name is Moses Oyer and I am a missionary from Sudan to Egypt. During the civil war in Sudan between the Northern Islamic government and the Southern Christian rebels, many young people were killed. I hated Muslims very much. In order to escape from the reality, I became a drunkard and an adulterer.

In my fourth year at university a friend invited me to UBF Bible study with missionary A. K. Through Bible study I received God's word from 1 Co 6:9-10: “Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” I found myself as a useless sinner before God. God changed me into his child. I found the meaning of my life in serving God. In 2000, I became a lecturer in Upper Nile University located in Southern Sudan. By God's grace as a professor I started one to one Bible study and headed the local ministry. God led 20 – 30 attendants to worship service in a lecture hall at the university.

In that time I received a job offer with a big salary and was and was tempted to accept it. But God helped me to stay at my current job and to serve Bible students. This caused misunderstandings among my friends. God blessed my decision and send many Bible students and raised them as Bible teachers. However, I had no desire to serve Muslim students. At the European Summer Bible Conference in 2000, I received God's word from Luke 23:34: “Jesus said: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing”. Jesus' prayer on the cross for his enemies moved my heart and helped me to forgive Muslims their bad deeds against us. God healed my unforgiving heart and gave me a loving and shepherd heart even towards Muslims. Since 1996, Sudan UBF began to pray to send missionaries to Muslim nations. In 2005 I applied for PhD study in Cairo. In spite of many obstacles I obtained a student visa in Egypt. God granted me to go to Egypt as a self-supporting missionary. I arrived in Cairo on February 15, 2006. I had great fear because of the racial discrimination between Arabs and Africans. I struggled to fix my eyes only on Jesus and walked on the campus brave like a lion. I approached Egyptians with a big smile and a loving heart. In this way God helped me to make friends among them.

In Egypt it is prohibited teaching the Bible to Muslims. However the love of God is stronger than any obstacle. So I could overcome segregation and the aggressive behavior of Egyptians. When I helped my colleagues with their difficult courses, some of them opened their hearts to Bible study. God

blessed and encouraged me with good Bible students. We thank God for giving us God's vision for Asout University through a conference. These days we have 13 Bible students, among them 4 Egyptians in Cairo. We have 2 more Bible students at Asout University. I pray that they will grow as Bible teachers for Cairo and Asout students.

II. Mission Report on Africa

The first touch of Christianity with Africa was in 67 AD by Philip, when he preached the gospel to the Ethiopian eunuch. The protestant mission began in 1739 with George Schmidt. At the beginning of the 19th century, one missionary from Germany and some Wesleyan Methodist missionaries who were influenced by the spiritual awakening in Europe arrived in Africa to preach the gospel to the released slaves. In 1844 God enflamed the evangelization in the East of Africa by a German missionary, named Krapf, esp. in Kenya and in Ethiopia. In 1989 missionary Jackie Yoon was sent out by UBF as the first missionary to Kenya.

Africa consists of 53 independent nations and 2000-3000 peoples speaking 1730 different languages. They belong to different religions, such as Christianity, traditional African religions, Islam, Bahai, Hinduism, Judaism. The reason why Africa has turned to Islam, before modern mission began, is that the Islam attacked the North-African church with Arabian imperialism, while the church had many inner problems. Within short time the Muslims conquered many parts and reached out into the south. But in the beginning of the 19th century they were stopped because of the new movement of European Christian missions. Now, there are still 295 millions of Muslims, 92 millions of traditional believers, poverty, AIDS, corruption, superstition, the mixing up of many religions, the Re-Islamisation and especially their hostile attitude towards all religions of their former governors ahead of us, as our big task.

UBF campus mission in Africa has been done by our sacrificial missionaries, who offered their lives to God as a living sacrifice, in the midst of poverty, illnesses and poor circumstances. Because of their devotion many great native shepherds were raised as Bible teachers for the evangelization of the campuses in Africa. In the last year over four-hundred leaders attended the African Summer Bible Conference in Kenya.

In 1990 God began his work in Sudan by M. Andrew Kim. When he arrived in Sudan, he could not sleep, because of the high temperature of more than 50° Celsius and because of the bad electricity supply. One day he fell ill of malaria together with his six months old son. His sheep were full of beggar-mentality and they never kept their Bible study appointments. They only wanted to get human aid. But when they should have learned obedience that comes from faith in God's word, they criticised their shepherd and ran away. Because he was so despaired, M. Andrew wanted to return to Korea. But in that time he was comforted by some shepherds from UBF through God's word of Romans 11:5, so that he made a decision to serve the students in Sudan until his death and to serve them with the truth of

God. God blessed his decision of faith and raised a former alcoholic, Shp. Oyor Moses as a professor shepherd.

M. Samuel Yoo gave up his secure life in Korea as a Professor of medicine and served the medicine mission in Uganda. Two times, he was pricked by a needle that was infected with AIDS and he suffered from tuberculosis and haemorrhoids. His daughter fell ill with meningitis and nearly died. Despite all hardships and sufferings, he decided to live as a good shepherd for the students in Uganda. He served the students faithfully with the word of God. God blessed his faith and his devotion and sent M. Betty as a missionary to Namibia, in 2000, and also raised 4 shepherd-families there.

The University of Johannesburg in South Africa was pioneered by the house church of Msn. Andrea and M. Mercy Lee. Johannesburg is the most dangerous city in South Africa. Thus the state has installed many hidden cameras. M. Mercy Lee was threatened by a robber and almost died in a car accident. For three years the doors for a financial secure life were closed. But in the midst of these difficult circumstances they held on to Joshua 1,7 and served 20 students through 1:1 Bible study in a small apartment in the slums near the campus.

Through 52 sacrificial UBF missionaries 18 chapters in 13 countries are pioneered in Africa. Since five years native shepherd who were encouraged by the good example of our UBF missionaries have been sent out as missionaries.

The first fruit is M. Oyor Moses, who was changed through the Bible Study with M. Andrew Kim in Sudan. To visit his sheep he had to take the bus. But because he was so poor he couldn't even buy a bus ticket. But he held on to God's word of Matthew 5:11-12 and lived a shepherd life faithfully in obedience to God. God changed him, who had been an alcoholic, into a professor-shepherd for Malakal UBF. Since 2006, God uses him as a missionary to Egypt. Ghana also was pioneered by a native missionary Banabas Kojo. God came to him personally, when he suffered from sickle-cellanaemia and was completely despaired. He could graduate from his studies successfully, when he believed in God's word of Mark 7:11-14 and in the power of resurrection absolutely. Despite of his poverty and chronic illness he served God's work in Accra, the capital of Ghana. In 2007, God took him into his kingdom. Through his serving sister Doris faithfully attends worship service and grows in her personal faith. His wife Sh. Chiaka Kumi decided to live as a mother of faith for the students in Ghana by resurrection faith. The director of Namibia UBF, Shp. Abraham Victor lived a fatalistic life because he lost his mother at the age of two and he had to work hard to pay the school fee. But God led him to Bible Study with M. James Lee. God saved him through his word of Genesis 1:31 from slavery of fatalism and helped him to start a new life as a precious creature of God. Since M. James Lee is pioneering Zimbabwe, he serves as director of the work of God in Namibia. He established a house church with M. Betty from Uganda. Cliff and Marvin are growing to good co-workers and about 30 attendants are coming to the Sunday worship service.

In 2002, the Bethesda Mission Clinic was built in Kampala, Uganda, by financial support of UBF. The medical missionaries are treating the children in the orphanages and slums of Kampala for free. They visit and treat the homeless and the people living in the country who have no medical care. God uses this Clinic that has some modern medical equipment according to its name as the house of compassion. In this clinic three medical missionaries from UBF, one nurse-missionary, two native medical doctors and two native nurses are working together. Some UBF shepherds, Second Generation Missionaries and their friends came as short term-missionaries to support God's work there. In Christmas 2007 UBF has collected an offering in order to help the Aids-infected children and to buy new medical equipment. What the people in Africa need more urgently than bread or aid supplies are God's word and raising determined disciples of Jesus. Therefore the discipleship ministry of UBF, like One-to-One Bible Study, writing testimony and fellowship meetings, is the best mission strategy to raise disciples of Jesus. Additionally, they need practical instruments like the medical mission, relief organizations, scholarships and traineeships.

Now Africa UBF prays for

First: to send out native shepherds as missionaries to the 40 African countries that are still not pioneered

Second: Muslim mission, especially Sudan UBF, to master the Arabic language and to prepare the message in Arabic.

Third: for medical mission: to build a 4-floor building behind the Clinic, with a surgical, gynaecological, dental and ophthalmologic clinic. Moreover, they need many new medical doctor and nurse missionaries and Pharmacists and financial support.

Forth: Most of all they pray that many excellent Bible teachers like German missionary Krapf in the 19th century may come to Africa to save the lost souls that are dying from spiritual disease.