



# The Losch Cause

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**The sound emanating from the loud-speaker on the minaret** next to our restaurant was so loud, we had to stop our conversation. Not only was it loud, it was... well, to put it mildly, off – a nasal, semi-melodious, off-key chant. Had the guy been on America's Got Talent, he would have been buzzed off the stage before the third syllable!

From our rooftop perch in this North African country, Jerusha and I counted five other minarets within a mile of our location, all of them competing for the attention of the faithful.

Soon the entrance to the mosque nearest us was covered with hundreds of pairs of shoes, most of them men's, left outside by those who had come to pray at the mosque.

We were both impressed and saddened by the devotion of these Muslim worshipers. According to Pew Research 98% of North Africans say that they believe in one God, Allah, and in his prophet Muhammad. And 69% stop what they're doing at least once every day to join the call to prayer. Yet for them, God is too holy to have a personal relationship with them, and attaining heaven, even for the devout, is not sure.

We lunched that day with an American couple who have spent the past twelve years living and working there – as Christ-followers in the business world. They launched and lead a profitable business that employs some twenty locals, and last year saw 14,000 customers come through their front door. The physical space for their business is impressive, even by North American standards, but that impact paled in comparison to what they said God is doing in the hearts of the people in that country.

*"We have seen a greater response to the gospel in the past two or three years", they said, "than since we arrived... and possibly greater than any time in the history of this country."*



The following week as we gathered in southern Spain for five days of spiritual and physical renewal with some 50 Crossworld workers from majority Muslim countries, we heard similar testimonies. In more and more places, God appears to be at work amongst Muslim people in ways not previously seen.

And you are a part of what He's doing. Through your financial and prayer support of us, as the leaders of Crossworld, you have shared in the harvest that God is bringing in around the world.

The refugee woman in Malaga, Spain, who lost everything in a perilous crossing from North-Africa, subsequently encountered Jesus through the refugee ministry that we have there. And this Christmas, for the first time, she worships the Light of the World. You had a part in her salvation.

For millions of Ukrainians displaced by the war in their country, this Christmas will be one of the bleakest in memory. But for some of them, who have encountered the love of Christ through the humanitarian aid distributed by our staff on the ground, this Christmas will be the first that the Light of the World has shone in their hearts. For the tangible expressions of love – blankets, sweaters, food staples, generators and more - have opened opportunities for the gospel and resulted in some trusting Christ. You have had a part in this as well.

### **Thank you for praying for us and for the ministries of Crossworld.**

1. We asked you to pray for good health on our three-week trip to Europe and North Africa. We were healthy the entire time!
2. We asked you to pray for "Vijay" who seems to have stepped back from his pursuit of Christ out of fear of the consequences. He and his wife joined us for Thanksgiving dinner last week, and we had a beautiful time together! Keep praying that God would *"open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God."* (Acts 26:18)
3. We often ask you to pray for new workers. In November we welcomed 13 more into our fellowship, bringing the total for the year to around 30. All of these are now preparing to take the gospel to some of the least-reached places on earth. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would rapidly thrust them out into the harvest.
4. In these challenging economic times of skyrocketing inflation and global insecurity would you pray that Crossworld would see a strong giving response to our end of year appeal?  
<https://crossworld.org/PDFs/2022/22-11-EOY-Appeal-web.pdf>

Thanks for your prayers and partnership in the gospel,

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