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Prayer Partners,

As we enter the 21st year of serving as missionaries, I want to provide perspective on what my burden was when I arrived in Senegal, how it developed, what changed conceptually in that burden, and what our vision is moving forward. When I arrived, my burden was based on the model of Christ's ministry: **to invest in individual disciple-servant leaders and to engage in mass evangelism efforts.** I wanted to partner with and mentor national leaders while also making the gospel accessible to every person living in Senegal. We planted a church in Northern Senegal in partnership with a national leader, Malick Diop. In 2018, we began producing evangelistic content in the Wolof language. Within a few years, we recruited other Christian leaders and launched pages in Pulaar, Mandinka, French, and English. Our pages now have nearly one million followers, and our videos have been viewed by millions of people not only in Senegal but around the world. **Multiple Muslims have confessed Christ in regions where there is no Christian witness.**

We are overseeing a new church plant in the Gambia and making plans to launch another church plant in southern Senegal. **We recently spent two weeks in the Gambia, where Pastor Lawrence, who was sent from our church in Senegal, is doing a fantastic job leading a new Bible study and church plant in that region.** We were able to provide resources and tools to help him continue the work more effectively. I will return in July to host a seminar on media and Islamic evangelism. Later in the year, we will host a nationwide seminar in our home city in northern Senegal. Men and women from Muslim backgrounds will join us from multiple nations, many of whom are closed to foreign mission work, to receive training and tools for evangelism and church planting using media and personal discipleship methods.

Our vision moving forward is to build on what the Lord has done over the past 20 years and expand it. We aim to train more men to create gospel-centered content and saturate the internet with material that is relevant to Muslims. I continue to study Islam and engage with Muslims both in person and online. Our vision is to train people globally to engage the Muslim community with compassion and knowledge.

Ministry Needs:

We praise the Lord that many responded to our financial needs for the Gambia ministry for this year. **5k of the 10k needed has already been raised!** We thank everyone who responded. If you would like to help with this work, please begin praying that the Lord will send more laborers to this great harvest field!

We will return to the United States this summer, and I will be available to give ministry updates and preach at our supporting churches from July 2026 through July 2027. During that time, I will also make several trips back to Senegal and The Gambia.

I have prepared teaching material on Islamic evangelism and would be glad to present it to our supporting churches. Several churches have already scheduled seminars on this topic while we are stateside.

Please contact me by email (missionaryjoshmead@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule an update, request preaching, or host a seminar.



Many Fulani are coming to Christ,
but need is still great



The Mandinka People are 95% Muslim

Joshua Mead
Galatians 2:20



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Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support of this ministry!