

Grace



“I come to you as a sinner. We are all sinners. And we all need grace. That’s my wish for you, and the wish of the churches who give this food – we wish for you the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

This message was shared with 31 Tuareg men as part of increasing understanding with them, including hearing their thoughts. The group’s name is Tazedirte, which means Patience in their language of Tamajaq. (We’re still working with another group, Animataf, and hope to give an update on them in the future.)

Like many Tuaregs, most of their parents lost flocks of animals over decades of poor rainfall, so they came to the city for work. Many families find it challenging to make ends meet, sometimes not knowing where their next

meal will come from.

This food distribution includes 50 kg of rice, 1 kg of milk powder, and 5 L of oil for each man, subsidized at half price so that their families can be assured of having something to eat every day of the month. We are starting this monthly distribution for 4 months, and we seek God for what to do next as we visit families and discuss with group members about how to build a more stable present and future.

I accompanied a few men home with their food, and their families smiled bright joyful smiles when they saw the bags of rice. I like rice too, but I don't remember being quite that happy when it arrives.

Thank you for your support so that we can share the compassion of our Heavenly Father in a concrete way with these men and their families. We pray that the food, offered in the name of Jesus to these families, would bring the families blessings even beyond the food itself. And we pray for wisdom in seeking God in our next steps with these families.

Serving in Niger with you,
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