

Fear



Please pray for the impact of the sharing of God's Word with the two Tuareg groups receiving food aid.

There is much community fear in even just asking about Christianity. One Tuareg man said that someone can go to church a few times a year, but if they attend more often, other people will start shunning them as if they were already a Christian even if they only want to learn more first. A younger Tuareg man used to visit a follower of Jesus to investigate Christianity, but his family eventually forbade him to continue the visits.

Earlier this month, we shared Jesus' words from Matthew 10, not to fear those who can only kill the body and not the soul, but rather fear Him who can destroy both body and soul. We reminded the men that the food is distributed to concretely show our love to the Tuaregs, because we were first loved by God. It does not help our salvation, and it is not given as a way of buying them to become Christians. Rather, we share what we have, including the truth about God, because we cannot keep good things to ourselves. The translator, a believer, said that it is like finding water in the desert – you cannot keep it to yourself, you must share it.

Since then, the younger Tuareg man dared to visit the follower of Jesus to ask questions about Christianity again.

Pray for continued sharing of Scripture and discernment in following the guidance of the Holy Spirit in gently and respectfully challenging these Tuareg men with the truth of God's love and salvation. They want to go to heaven but are unsure if they will go there or not. Our next food distribution meeting will be the first weekend of July.

May God open the eyes, ears, and hearts of many Tuaregs to the truth of His love and grace.

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