



THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL: FROM RADICAL ISLAM TO JESUS CHRIST



The testimony of Jones Hussein, radical Muslim Imam turned believer in Jesus Christ, is significant in light of the recent news that Osama bin Laden, the creator of Al Qaeda and the world's most notorious and sought-after terrorist, has been shot to death by American forces. Bin Laden reeked havoc on the world for more than a decade, spreading fear, hate, revenge, murder, death and destruction! Trillions of dollars have been spent by world leaders to stay abreast of his evil ideology, yet it is agreed that the war on terrorism has far from been won, in spite of the use of the most sophisticated military weapons!

The story of Jones Hussein, demonstrates one of our fundamental beliefs: **the war on terror is not won by outward, physical power and weapons— the warfare is waged and won within the hearts of man — an inward transformation that results in an outward change of life!** This young man was about to enlist in bin Laden's evil ranks of Al Qaeda, but was stopped in his tracks by the most powerful force in the universe — **the resurrected Jesus Christ!** The power of the Holy Spirit transformed Hussein's heart, and placed him onto a new path in life with a new message: **love, forgiveness, redemption, deliverance, and restoration!** Jones Hussein and his wife now share their faith with the people of Niger, a landlocked country in West Africa. 80% of the land is covered by the Sahara desert. It is one of the poorest countries in the world. Due to a weak, corrupt government, some say it might become the next Somalia with infiltration of Al Qaeda from the North (Algeria). The population of app. 15 million are 90% Muslim.



JONES HUSSEIN: FROM RADICAL ISLAM..



Jones Hussein grew up in a Christian home in northern Nigeria, which is predominantly Muslim. He studied business at a major university, and shortly thereafter, he became interested in Muslim studies, which he pursued. Within five years he had become an **accredited radical Imam with a significant following, including teaching appointments.**

Jones' parents did not know of his conversion to Islam. One night, however, his mother had a dream that her son was dressed in a Muslim garb, leading many people away from the Christian faith. She began to intensely intercede and fast for him, and he — in turn, began to feel restless, although he kept on pursuing Islam, as he **intended to become a judge of the Sharia Law. The training to become a Sharia judge involves five years of study in Saudi Arabia with the infamous Al Qaeda group.**

He was accepted and ready to go to Saudi Arabia, but decided that, on his way, he would visit his parents for the first time in five years. When he arrived home, his mother had a

visiting pastor there. The pastor and Hussein got into a ferocious argument concerning their faith and doctrines. Finally, the pastor suggested that Jones should challenge Jesus and ask Him to manifest Himself to him. He told him that, upon asking Jesus to reveal Himself, if nothing happened, then Jones could do whatever he wished with the pastor, including killing him.

That night, Jones did not do anything about the pastor's challenge, but the next morning as he awoke, he confessed that he was a sinner and then asked Jesus to prove the pastor wrong and to prove that He really didn't die on the cross. Before finishing this confession, he lost control of himself and began speaking in a strange language. For hours he went on weeping, crying and staggering around under a huge power that had come over him. During that time, **he had a profound life-changing encounter with the risen Jesus Christ! He instantaneously became a new person — his life changed 180 degrees, as he realized that his Heavenly Father had set him on a path of a new, powerful ministry — to be a witness for Him!**

Jones left everything, including the business that his parents had given him. Giving himself fully to serving Jesus, studying the Word, evangelizing and healing the sick, he eventually went to Bible School from 1993 to 1994. There he met his wife, Christie.

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have been in Niger for 13 years and have five children, as well as several adopted sons and daughters. These young believers live with the Hussein family for two years while they are being encouraged in their newfound faith through the Word of God, disciplined, and then trained to apply their faith through real life situations. Many of the women are illiterate, so they are taught to read and write. Some are later sent out to different places in Niger to evangelize and plant new churches. There are always more than a dozen people at the dinner table of the Hussein family!

Jones Hussein founded *The Soul Hunters International Missions, Niger*, through which he conducts seminars and Discipleship/God Encounter Retreats in different parts of his country and in other West African countries. He also travels in the USA and Canada as a conference speaker.

Cont. from p. 2 They both had a heart for missions and upon graduation in 1995, they were sent to Niamey, the capital of Niger to do pioneer mission work for two years. His life was in danger every time he went near the borders — however, in spite of the hostile Muslim environment in Niger, he preached the Gospel and began raising disciples of Jesus, and planted a village church near the city.

Jones and his wife then returned to Nigeria. A year later, in 1998, the Lord revealed to him that He wanted him to return to Niger. He and his wife were led to the exact place they were to go to. Now, they

WHAT THE US\$3,000.00 GIFT FROM BRIDGE PROVIDED IN NIGER JONES HUSSEIN:

During my visit to South Florida, I met a very remarkable woman of God, Sister Ragnhild Ulrich and her husband, Steve, who have dedicated their lives toward supporting different mission works all over the world. Meeting this couple was one of the biggest miracles of the year for our work. They were able to commit US\$3,000 to the work in Niger. The money enabled us to buy two deep freezers for two ladies to start a small business to sustain their kids, one industrial oven for cake making for two of our young men, 50 Bibles for new converts, two pairs of sheep and a ram for two couples to help them toward self-sufficiency. The money also helped two of our children to remain in school during this year. Thank you greatly, Ulrich family!



MISSION TRIP REPORT FROM NIGER

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BY HANNY FEURER

We had a most remarkable trip from Benin to Niger the day after the Niger national elections when the borders had been closed for the day. We often had to take taxis because buses were not as available as we had hoped.

As we started off from Benin, I found myself squeezed in the back-seat with my Beninese assistant, Marguerite, a new mother with her three-day-old baby, and a man with a squawking chicken on his lap. Instead of two means of transport, we ended up using five different kinds! The sand blew in our faces while we constantly dodged potholes. I recommend, if you are travelling in Niger, do not choose the seat over the wheels of a bus – it's a very bumpy ride!

Instead of 16 hours of travel, we endured nearly two days, beginning at noon till late evening one day, the next day from 5:00 am till evening, and then we ended up being stranded

on the Niger side of the border. Amazingly, the Lord provided a gentle young pastor from the nomadic tribe, **Peul**, who works among the nomads in the region. He ministers also to those stranded at this border. This



pastor had never seen us before but opened his heart and his home to us, even gave us his room for the night. We were so touched by his gracious hospitality. He lives by very meager means but has great love and faith. We were amazed to hear about his great vision for his people – for example, his dream to open a Bible school for the Peul people. If any one of you have a burden for the nomads in this part of the world, please let me know and I can provide you the details and references.

When we arrived in Niamey, our final destination, believe it or not we were picked up by another Peul pastor who partners with our hosts, Pastors Jones and Christie Hussein. Pastor Hussein has a very interesting life story, which I have shared above.

In the three remaining days before my return to Montreal we had a rather full schedule. **Cont. on p. 5**



HANNY FEURER: NIGER TRIP REPORT



waiting for the Lord to provide funding for this project. She loves these women and treats them as her own daughters. Some of them have been living with her, but right now they are in need of a house.

The following day there was a children's meeting at the first church they had planted years ago. Marguerite taught the children a song and I told a few stories. Many children were from poverty-stricken Muslim homes. We blessed and prayed for them.

Several times we were invited to bless and intercede for the city while Prayer-walking in some of its strategic public areas.

On Sunday there was a special anointing upon the church and the ministry. As mentioned above, Pauline was one of those who was really touched by the Lord by giving her life to Him. Others were moved by the message of forgiveness. After each Sunday meeting, there is usually a special time for the women to meet and be ministered to. This time, Marguerite challenged them to 'get going' for Christ. It was a message well received.

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Christie (left) took us on a prayer walk in the neighborhood.

Cont. from p. 4 One day there was a lady's meeting where several Muslim women attended.. Three of them especially caught our attention. Pastor Christie (Jones' wife) asks for continued prayer for them. One of them lives in a dangerous criminal environment with drugs and prostitution. She has at least six children by different men.

An other lady, Pauline, works in bars, evidently she is also in prostitution. She showed an interest in the Gospel the first evening, but hesitated. Then she came to church on Sunday and gave her life to Jesus! What a privilege to witness such a conversion! However, she later disappeared and returned to her previous job. Just recently, Pastor Christie told me that Pauline had had a dream and saw Pastor Christie in the dream. Pauline then contacted Pastor Christie and accepted her suggestion to change jobs and location.

Pastor Christie has a vision to open a workshop as a training center for homeless girls with unstable family situations. They would continue to learn to read and write, being discipled and ultimately have three options to study: hairdressing, dressmaking, or catering for weddings. She is still

FROM R.K.'S CORNER

The phone rang, "Could we come over and bring a visitor from Niger who is staying with us for a few days? We think it would be great for Steve and you to come to know him and for him to know you." We consented, and invited our Nigerian friends living down the road to come right then and bring their visitor, so in January 2010, we were introduced to Dr. Jones Hussein, and spent a few hours together.

As our visitor began sharing his life story, we were deeply moved by his testimony of his conversion from radical Islam to the Christian faith by a powerful encounter with Jesus Christ (see p. 2), and impressed by the clarity of his profound, yet simple Biblical vision for reaching the Muslim peoples of Niger with the Gospel. "I keep reading the Bible and seek to model Jesus in the way He imparted life into His disciples," he said. When we parted, we gave him a Bridge check for \$3,000.00 — his report back to us (see p. 3) exemplifies this man's faith and integrity!

A year later, our Swiss-Canadian friend, Hanny Feurer was going on a short term mission trip to several countries in Asia and Africa, one of them being Benin, which borders Niger. I asked if she would take a side-trip to visit Jones Hussein and his family, and she accommodated my request. In this issue, we have included Hanny's trip report to Niger. Observing his family and ministry in action, Hanny confirms our first impression - that of a man and his family of faith, integrity, and clarity of vision as well as implementation of that vision! If you want to support the Hussein family and their ministry, please memo your check 8346 NIGER WORKERS. BLESSINGS!

...Cont. from p. 5 The church itself is quite small, yet is very vibrant. Prior to my departure, God had given me a vision for them of an enormous corn field ready for harvest; and I felt this was a word for Niger. They were challenged this particular Sunday to increase their vision. Even though they are few in numbers, they have a big vision, which confirmed the word God had given me for them. So we know that God is truly working among them. Within a year, they hope to increase the church by one thousand new souls.



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