



# Christ In You

## Churches Planted In Two Primitive African Villages



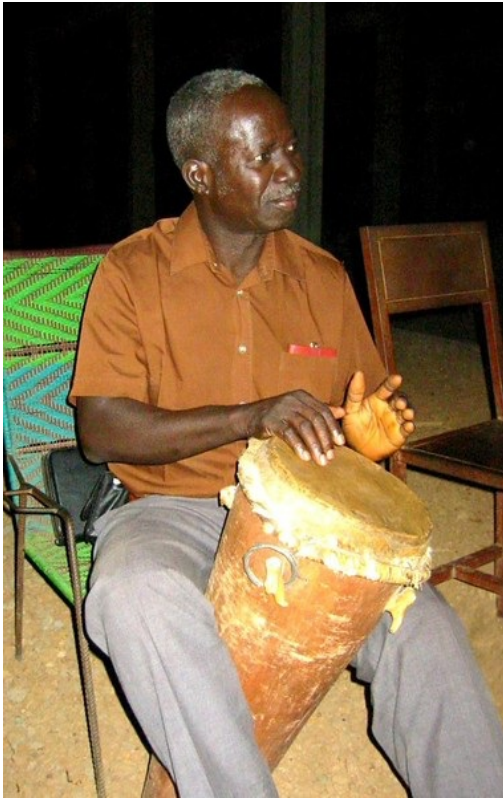
*Two Girls*



*Processing Carob*

In the northern portion of the country of Benin there are two very small and primitive African villages. I would ask for your ongoing prayers for these two villages.

With our associate Nadjombe I traveled from the neighboring country of Togo where we met a local pastor who took along some of his people. Together we introduced these people to the gospel of Jesus Christ.



*Nadjombe, our associate in the neighboring country of Togo, who arranged for our meetings in these villages.*

The first village of Porga was on the Burkina Faso border. Their native language of Berba required the use of two translators [English to French to Berba].

There was no electricity in these villages. We therefore took along a generator and a projector. We were then able to show them three movies, one of which was the Jesus Film.

These people had never seen a movie before! They had not seen television. They were amazed to see people and objects moving around on the screen that we projected in their village at night.

Of the 140 who attended the meeting on the first night, 70 responded to receive Christ. There were 70 decisions for Christ each of the next two nights.

The second small and primitive village was Nenebou whose people speak an obscure language called Waama. Fortunately a pastor from the nearby city of Tanguetta knew both English and Waama, so only one translation was necessary.



*Using a Generator and a Projector We Were Able to Show Evangelistic Movies. These Villagers Had Never Seen People Moving On a Projected Screen Before!*

The first night we showed a film and I delivered a gospel message. The message was extremely simple since the audience knew absolutely nothing about Christ or anything about the Bible.

Over 40 people received Christ that first night.



*The Village Chief Of Nenebou*



*Here I am with the Chief and his Family*

Over 70 people received Christ over the next two nights, including the tribal chief whom I met the afternoon of the last day. The chief's entire family surrendered their lives to Christ the last afternoon when we visited in their home. On the final night the chief gave a brief speech to his people about the need for his tribe to give allegiance to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

With a total of at least 320 people saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ, we were indeed delighted to see God's handiwork.

When I left the village of Nenebou the village chief came to me and thanked me for sharing the gospel. He and his family became new believers. As I was leaving he hugged me and kissed my neck. As I left along with our team we were elated to know the miracles that God performed in that village.



*The Chief, Hurrying to Say Goodbye As I Was Leaving the Village*



*The congregation at the first Sunday morning worship service in Nenebou.*

There are now two churches in two primitive tribes in north Benin. They both have pastors who speak the native language.

Through the years each village had a stable church with an attendance around 40 to 50 people. The villages are small so numerical growth cannot be large.

However the light of the gospel now shines where once there was only darkness and witchcraft.



For about 4 to 5 months out of the year the tribes face problems with starvation. During the good months they store food for the bad months but it doesn't always cover their needs. So frequently we have donated money to help feed them through the difficult weeks until they receive more crops.



*An Open "Kitchen"*



*Grain Is Ground by Hand Into Flour*

Pray for these two humble villages. Ask that God would continue to reveal Himself to them and that the churches will have a great influence on all the people in the villages. Pray that God will feed them spiritually and physically. Pray that these two villages of simple and lovely people will be a light in a region of spiritual darkness.

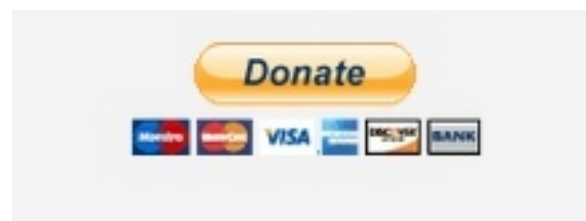
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*CLICK HERE for photos I took of these precious people in their villages. Note the child peeking at us from behind his mother.*

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