

Recently, I was faced with a conundrum at our Sunday worship meeting. The believer scheduled to teach the lesson did not show up. We had also scheduled to take the Lord's Supper together.

I decided that it was important on this day to make sure that everyone understood the importance of communion, particularly the necessity of being in a right relationship with God.

After our worship and prayer time, I began a lesson using a question and answer format to lay out a clear understanding of the Gospel starting with creation, the fall, and the promise of a Redeemer. We discussed the birth and life of Christ with particular focus on the significance of his death and resurrection. I concluded the lesson with the question, "How does someone become a follower of Jesus?" Next, we talked about the origin and meaning of the Lord's Supper.

By the time we shared the bread and juice each person present had reaffirmed their faith in Christ and all partook of communion, two people for the first time!

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The Labe *moftal* (top); Baptisms in a river (below)



Earlier this year, I lay on a plastic, woven mat on a hut floor staring up at the underside of a thatched roof. The thin blanket covering me was too meager a shelter against the cool of night that drifted in. Periodically, a believer nearby awoke and prayed out loud, disrupting everyone's sleep, but no one complained. My mind replayed the days' events. Ten Fulbe believers from

the region had gathered for three days of Biblical teaching, praise and worship, communion, and mutual encouragement in faith and holiness.

The next day I couldn't help but smile and feel a rush of joy at baptizing two Fulbe believers in a gently flowing river, mud between my toes and exhilaration pumping through my veins. Pride for what God did in saving these men swelled up in me.

Since our retreat we have had several visitors to our *moftal* (believer group) and are encouraging the believers to invite others. We also gather every Wednesday where currently we are studying church planting to equip the believers to establish new cell groups. When that study is complete, we will begin a chronological Bible study together.



David prepares the ELC for classes

WILL YOU HELP?

Would you pray about helping us reach people for Christ through the English Language Center? Here are two ways you can help:

Donate toward our startup costs which cover things such as rent, tables, chairs, English language curriculum, solar electric equipment, and more.

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Donate English books and Bibles for our English center library. We would welcome new or used English books of all types and levels such as children's, young adult, and adult books, fiction and nonfiction, Christian books, textbooks, classical, and contemporary literature.

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As a friend and I worked moving bookshelves into place recently, I looked around our English Language Center (ELC) with feelings of hope and excitement. Within a few months, our classroom will be full of adult students eagerly learning English!

Of course, English is not all they will be learning. Through personal interactions with us as well as formal lessons built into the curriculum, they will also be learning the story of God's glorious plan of redemption from Creation to Christ.

Our goal at the ELC is to lead students to Christ as we teach them the English language. Through their desire for English, we will have a platform for ongoing interactions with people we might never otherwise know.

Annika & Amelie help in the ELC library



A classroom ready for students



Students can read donated books from the English Language Center library

Praise God!

For the baptism of two Fulbe believers!
For the salvation of a regular visitor to our worship!
For potential new teammates on the horizon!

Please Pray!

For the spiritual growth of the Fulbe believers
For a translation project and a calendar project
For additional monthly financial support