

## *A great Desire to own the Word*

*“The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.”  
Psalm 119:72 (NASB)*

Fulbe (FULL-bay) Muslims have great respect for their Korans. Korans are wrapped in plastic bags for protection.

When giving a Muslim a portion of the Bible, we show care. If we handle it carelessly, a person might think it's not valuable. So it is with prayer that we ask for payment when we distribute a Bible or portion. There is a Fulbe expression, “*Ko e hoore Kudhol*” (koh HOE-ray KOO-dohl), which literally means “on a blade of grass,” implying that whatever one believes is appropriate can be given as payment.

I used this expression to “sell” a copy of Genesis and Exodus to “Andrew.” I met Andrew on the road, and he asked, “When are you going to come to my village and teach?” That got my attention. He mentioned that he listened to Christian radio and that he wanted a Bible.

Later, I walked to his village to “sell” him a copy, but he was not home. Afraid to leave the Bible with his wife because of the trouble it might cause him, I returned home with the copy. We finally met, and carrots were exchanged for the Bible.

Andrew's friend asked for one, too. This man could not wait, so he walked five miles to my house. He was a little embarrassed at his great desire to own a copy. Andrew later showed up with his younger brother, who also wanted a copy!

God is at work in the lives of these men through His valuable Word, and one day, He will bring them to Himself.

—ROBERT AND RHONDA, WEST AFRICA

*God of the Bible*, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRECIOUS WORD, WHICH IS MORE VALUABLE THAN SILVER OR GOLD! PUT AN INSATIABLE DESIRE FOR YOUR WORD INTO THE HEARTS OF THE FULBE MUSLIMS AND MUSLIMS ALL OVER THE WORLD. HELP ME TO OBEY YOUR WORD AS A TESTIMONY OF MY RESPECT AND LOVE. *Amen.*