

“Get up and go”

“He replied, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.’”

Luke 11:28 (NIV)

The Anii (AHN-ee) are a Muslim people group, one of the 52 distinct people groups who live in Benin. We knew of only one Anii Christian, “Moses.” He had become a Christian 11 years ago as he traveled to the neighboring country of Togo for itinerant farm work. There he met Baptist missionaries who shared the gospel with him. However, when he shared his decision with his family upon his return home to Bassila, Moses was ostracized and forced to flee to Togo.

Upon arriving in Benin, we met with national leaders to ask them to send their own missionaries to the Anii. We suggested Moses might fill that position. The leaders agreed to interview Moses, but we needed to locate him.

We traveled to Moses’ former home in Bassila to ask his family if they knew where he might be. There, in the home from which he had fled 11 years ago, we found Moses praying for his family. He told me of a dream he had a week earlier. In the dream, he heard a voice repeatedly say to him, “Get up and go to Bassila; the pastor is seeking you.” Moses thought that I was in America, but he obeyed the voice and came to his family, who now accepted him and even asked him to pray for their illnesses. God blessed our friend with restoration, and then Moses agreed to be sent as a missionary to his own people.

God fulfills His plans in amazing ways. He blesses immediate obedience, as was made evident in our friend’s life.

—A WORKER IN WEST AFRICA

Falbez, IT AMAZES ME HOW YOU SPEAK TO YOUR CHILDREN. PROTECT YOUR SERVANTS AS THEY BRING TRUTH TO THIS PEOPLE GROUP IN WEST AFRICA. MAKE ME SENSITIVE TO YOUR VOICE AND GIVE ME AN OBEDIENT HEART. *Amen.*