

April 2011 Haiti and Morocco

This Sunday's Bible Companion readings include John 9; you can download an MP3 about this chapter from <http://www.aletheiacollege.net/audio/jn9.mp3>

HAITI

We're pleased to report that brother Charlie Klennert returned safely from a visit to Haiti, during which he was able to assist with the baptism of another 10 brothers and sisters. Dozens of copies of French *Bible Basics* are in use in Haiti and we are so pleased to see the fruit of this work. He reports as follows- and more detail can be found on his Facebook page: "I had the honor to go back to Haiti for an extended time (9 days) in early April. The brethren are doing well. Here are a couple highlights from the trip, followed by an email from brother Esmath in Haiti telling us the names of our new brethren who were baptized on the last Saturday I was there. The brethren in Haiti continue spreading the true gospel to all areas of the island nation. They have conferences where they invite anyone willing to come and hear the gospel. Prayer meetings, and both an early morning and evening service on Sundays. The music is outstanding, and the message is one focused on the return of Christ and re-establishment of the Kingdom on earth. Please pray for our brethren as they continue being witnesses of the gospel in this broken nation! *Brother Charlie*"

Dear all,

Greeting to you in Christ, to day all the pleasure is mine to send you this email in order to share with you the names of the people who testified their faith in baptism last Saturday. Me personally, let me present to you my deeply congratulation for your support in every aspect of life. I have never been disappointed in working together with you in the Lord's field. I have learned so many things from you and I hopefully believe that God will allow us to be connected until the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth, so that I could learn more from you. I am always ready to learn provided what I am learning is true. Here are the names of the people: Sisters: Mervil Nehemie; Mejane Leon; Marcelin Bejanette; Paul Danise; Clerima Bebete; and brothers Jean Luc Berson; Isaak Lunette; Jean-pierre Amuricette; Cassignol Donatien; Gerald Cherival.

Brother Esmath



MOROCCO

This last week, a visit was made around Morocco, visiting contacts and brothers and sisters throughout this large, Saharan country. There were 4 brethren and 2 sisters baptized. For security reasons we've not put the trip report online, but it has been sent to Carelinks recipients by email; let us know if you'd like to be added to the distribution list.

Below you can see the seriousness of the situation as presented in others' words- please do pray for our brothers and sisters here, as they really do live in fear, living as they all do in small towns and villages where the mosque exercises total social control:

According to article 220 of Moroccan Criminal law, it is illegal to "shake the faith of a Muslim." Charges of proselytizing have led to the mass deportation of Christian foreigners from Morocco over the past three months, said Counsel Roger Kiska of the U.S.-based Alliance Defense Fund.

<http://www.worthynews.com/8320-american-pastors-praises-morocco-for-its-tolerance-while-moroccan-christian-serves-jail-sentence-for-evangelism>

We don't even have right to possess Bibles in Arab or in Amazigh (Berber language) in our dear country, as our Bibles are confiscated and considered as tools for proselytizing.

<http://bcwe.org/blog/2010/03/19/moroccan-christians-speak-out/>

The largest national newspapers are putting articles about Christianity on their front pages. One of the papers dedicated about half of the paper to the subject. They reminded Moroccans that the penalty of conversion is 6 months to 3 years in jail.

<http://bcwe.org/blog/2010/03/22/pray-for-christians-in-north-africa/>

RABAT (*Reuters*) – A Moroccan court jailed a German tourist for six months for attempting to convert Muslims in the southern resort of Agadir, officials said on Wednesday. The court in Agadir, Morocco's main tourist destination, found the 64-year-old man guilty of trying to "shake the faith of a Muslim", they added. He was arrested last week as he was distributing books and CDs about the Christian faith to young Muslim Moroccans in the street, the officials said. Under Moroccan law "anyone who employs incitements to shake the faith of a Muslim or to convert him to another religion" can be jailed for up to six months and fined.

<http://bcwe.org/blog/2006/12/01/morocco-jails-german-for-trying-to-convert-muslims/>

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<http://austingardner.net/2010/04/14/what-is-happening-in-morocco-from-an-insider/>

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