

## Morocco May 2004

There are now a number of baptized brethren in this Moslem North African country, all actively preaching- and suffering for it. In the villages and small towns, conversion to Christianity brings especially great problems. We had received news that two brethren in different locations had gone missing due to such problems. A visit was mounted to try to visit them and also encourage our rather depressed brethren and contacts. We are thankful to report that although both brethren have family problems, we were able to visit one of them and find him safe and now working at a school; and two of our brethren made a visit to the other brother in a remote semi-desert location and found him safe. We thank God for this.

We were able to travel extensively in Morocco this time, and to interview and baptize two contacts, OMAR and HAMED. Hamed was baptized in the Atlantic on a beautiful deserted beach. One wonders whether there have been very many ever baptized in these places down through the centuries? we had a great sense of the Gospel spreading in a land of great spiritual darkness. We explained about the wider Christadelphian community and warmly welcomed them amongst us, as two new although rather isolated parts of the wonderful body of the Lord Jesus, assuring them of your prayers and love. These new brethren live some distance from the others and now there are two new areas where the light of the Truth is spreading in this land. We are also in touch with contacts from Agadir and Western Sahara, and are hopeful to report a positive response next time, God willing. We took as many brethren with us as we could fit in the hire car, and it was good to get to know them better and to introduce them to the new brethren.

Mailing of Christian literature into Morocco is difficult because the Post Office usually confiscate it, and this has led to major problems for our brethren. There seems no book shop where you can buy Arabic Bibles, not even in the big cities of Marakkech and Casablanca. There are also reports of arrests being made for bringing large amounts of Christian literature into the country. Anyway with prayer we walked through customs with around 20 kg. of Bible Basics and other Arabic literature, which we were able to distribute throughout the country. We thank God for His blessings and safekeeping.



Photo: The safe side of customs



Photo: Contents of our baggage



Photo: Distributing the Arabic Bible Basics to a brother on the edge of the Sahara

**The Bible Basics Follow Up Team**