

CALL TO *Prayer*

APRIL 2018

Texting with Jesus

BY AN ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL WORKER
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Too late? Or just in time? To be honest, we sometimes have a hard time knowing which it is in our work with north and central Asian migrants.

Take this past week with Jesus. (No, not *that* Jesus!) He's a young migrant I met at the market whose name in his language translates to "Jesus"—a pretty rare moniker in the majority faith he practices.

During our initial conversation I concluded that Jesus wasn't a believer, since he referred to Him as a prophet. We exchanged numbers, and I hoped to follow up, using his name as an open door to talk about the Savior.

Well, two days later Jesus texted me. (You don't get to write that sentence every day!) He had lost his job and housing and was living outdoors. And he hadn't eaten in two days. The temperature here was hovering at 0 degrees Fahrenheit.

I was in the middle of a meeting when I got the text, but I agreed to

meet Jesus two hours later to provide him some food and discuss options—and hopefully talk about *our* Jesus!

He texted that he was excited that I would meet him and said he'd try to sleep and forget about his hunger for a bit while he waited.

But before I got to meet up with Jesus, a contact of his from outside the city invited him to stay at his apartment. So Jesus hopped on a bus and was gone.

He texted me a final "thank you" but added a line that was overwhelmingly sad to me: "I have Allah."

I felt in that moment that I was just a little too late. So I replied with all that I knew to say in that moment, "Don't forget your name! Jesus loves you so much."

Perhaps from God's perspective, He arranged my meeting this young man just in time to inject our Savior's name into his life during a moment of crisis.

Please pray that the name of Jesus will continue to ring in my new friend's ears and that he will be granted the grace to seek and find our Savior.

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When Emmanuel arrived at Bongolo Hospital’s eye clinic recently, he was unable to see—except to differentiate between light and dark. His wife had to lead him everywhere, and his friends had abandoned him; others mocked him.

Emmanuel had visited several medical providers in Gabon’s capital city. Since no one could offer treatment, his family had tried to get him to see the local witchdoctor.

Emmanuel had heard about our eye clinic and insisted he wanted treatment here. We currently perform about 70 percent of all cataract surgeries in Gabon.

When his eye patch was removed after surgery, Emmanuel shouted for joy—he could see again. He also made a first-time decision to ask Jesus into his life.

When I asked him why he chose to follow Christ, Emmanuel replied, “I didn’t know that I could ever see again—I have my life back!”

In 2017, more than 40,000 patients were seen and 1,500 surgeries performed at Bongolo Hospital. On average, more than 100 come to Christ each month as a result of this life-giving ministry. Pray for the hospital’s ongoing ministry and for Emmanuel to grow in faith.

“Ask What Ye Will”

The following is an adapted excerpt from “The Authority of the Intercessor,” by pioneer Alliance missionary John A. MacMillan, published in The Alliance Weekly, May 23, 1936.

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” (John 15:7, KJV).

Note carefully the significance of the statement, “Ye shall ask what YE will.” How many believers content themselves with a submissive uttering of the words, “Thy will be done” in all matters which they bring before the Lord? Their spirits assume a passive attitude that accepts anything that comes to them as the will of the Father.

This is not scriptural, and it is very far from the desire of God for His children. The Holy Spirit teaches a hearty cooperation rather than mere resignation; an active entering into God’s plan instead of a vague yielding to circumstances; a definite claiming and appropriating of the promises which are set before us in the Word, as being the expression of the Father’s will for His children.

We are to positively will the will of God; to seek it out as He has revealed it; and to maintain our place of quiet assurance before Him until it has been fully accomplished.

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