



the RIDERS' recordings

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✘ What can one DVD do? ✘

I often wonder, "What effect will each one of these CDs, cassettes or DVDs have in the life of the person who receives it?"

Each week, if I am not out recording, I might be in my office duplicating some audio cassette of a Gospel or maybe a VCD of a Jesus film. Once the duplication is complete, the recordings are prayed over that they might find their way to the persons for whom God has intended. Often we don't hear how God has used them. But every once and a while God gives a glimpse of how He is changing lives through our efforts. Scott & Lee Pyles are serving at Meskine hospital in the "Extreme Nord" province of Cameroon. What follows is a story of one of those recordings/duplications.

*"Dear Friends,
I want to send you a picture of a very sweet woman who I have had the privilege to get to know for the past 4 weeks. Her name is Ramada and she and her family came to a hospital in North Cameroon from Chad because her stomach was getting bigger and bigger each day. They thought it was going to be her 11th child but it turned out to be an enormous malignant tumor.*

because it was connected to some major blood vessels, so they sutured her back up and informed her family of the bad news. When her husband told her what the doctor said, she replied, "Alhum du lillah" meaning, may God be praised. All good Muslims never complain about tragedies, but respond with this phrase to signify that God is sovereign.

The thing that was so incredible about Ramada is that although she was in pain and each day this tumor grew, she never lost her smile. While she was in the hospital, she asked to watch the Jesus Film on a portable DVD player. Afterwards, she asked to watch this just about every night! She loved the

film and every time she saw me, she would raise her hands up to God and say, "Isa!" (Jesus in Arabic). Ramada only spoke Arabic so it was through her sons and her husband that we would communicate. Her whole family had a keen interest in understanding the truth about Jesus; who He really is and why He had to die.

Scott, a missionary working in the hospital, gave her husband a New Testament in Arabic and he began to read it.

Ramada and her family left to return to Chad, but before they did, Scott told Ramada the thief on the cross to Jesus, asking Him

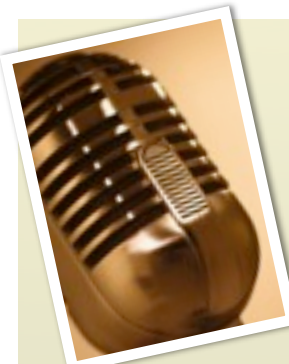
the story about next to Jesus who cried out to remember him when He came into His kingdom. Jesus' response was, "today you will be in paradise with me." Scott



to be completed before returning to the U.S.

Pray - for affordable housing for us as we will be returning to the U.S. in June 2007 for one year. This is quite a strain on our budget.

Continued Prayer - for more workers to come to Cameroon. The need is extremely great as there is more work to do each year than is possible. Many language groups are hungry for these vernacular media materials and so are disappointed when they cannot receive them.



Direct Line In

Praise - God is allowing us to finish this term well. Please **pray** that we would be able to finish all the work that needs



Can you guess the meaning of this proverb?

"A goat cuts grass so that the young one can see"

Find the meaning and application on the back of this newsletter.



explained to Ramada and her family that is what one must do to be saved from their sin; cry out to Jesus. Ramada, as she so often did, raised her hands and said, "Isa, Isa".

It seems that Ramada understood that we were saying to cry out to Jesus in order to be healed. I am including a picture of her and her family asking you to remember them. They asked for the Jesus Film to bring back to their village and show their friends. Would you please pray

that Ramada would be miraculously healed physically, but more importantly spiritually, as well as her whole family? Also would you please pray that as they go back to their village, that they would be able to show the film to all their friends? We are praying that this will be the beginning of something great.

As Ramada was holding my hand through the window while she was sitting on the bus to leave, she kept on calling out the name that she had given me. I am not sure of the Arabic but it sounds like "hamaiya kalbe" or "hanana kalbe", but nonetheless it means, "You are in my heart". And then she looked at me one more time, raised her hands up, called out Isa's name and bowed her head down and gave me a big smile. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know this precious family and my prayer is that one day I will see them all again in heaven with our Lord.

Answer:

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"Train a child in the way he should go."

Proverbs 22:6

It is good to teach your child good habits of survival. A baby goat will eat what it sees its mother eating.

Thanks for standing in the gap with us.

In Him,
Lee"

Just a week ago I received this e-mail from Scott & Lee Pyles.

"Hey Joe,

Thanks for your email.

Just for follow up, Ramada did not return for treatment. I sense that she passed away but in my heart, I really do sense that I will see her in Heaven one day. I think she really understood that Jesus was the only one who could save her.

Thanks for the encouragement. We just keep pressing on for His name's sake.

Blessings,
Lee"

Just a few added notes: We will be returning to the U.S. for one year on June 18th. We are looking forward to using some of this time to see you our partners. We will be traveling around the U.S. for almost 6 weeks this summer so hopefully we will have the opportunity to see many of you. We are still looking for real affordable housing in California. We are resting and relying on God to provide as He always has. Would you pray with us on this topic? Also, throughout the year we will be available to speak to your churches, youth groups or children's groups if you would like. Please don't hesitate to ask us. We would love to help motivate, challenge or inspire others to glorify God in the area of missions.

During the last couple of months, we realized we had passed a small milestone as missionaries. We have been serving in Wycliffe for 10 years. We praise God for each and every one of you - our partners in the ministry. Thank you for your part in partnering with us in your prayers and finances during those last 10 years. We really wouldn't be able to thrive here without you!

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