



God Miraculously Saves Bible Lessons from Ravaging Flames

Dear Friends of CBSI:

When rioters burned nearly 70 churches and homes in Niger, God demonstrated His hand was on the Community Bible Study International (CBSI) program by miraculously saving the lesson booklets from the ravaging flames.

Pastor Remi's church in Niamey was hit the hardest. Only a burned out shell remains. The seats, the sound system, and even the roof are all gone.

But the rioters didn't settle for just his church. They burned his home too. He and his family escaped with only the clothes on their backs and his laptop. Everything else was destroyed.

Two rioters even died in the intense flames that consumed Pastor Remi's home, yet **God**

miraculously preserved a stack of CBSI Acts Bible lessons in a corner of the house.

Pastor Remi's family has nothing left, yet he remains peaceful and joyful. His confidence is in his God and not in his possessions. He also has a deeper appreciation for how the CBSI ministry can help transform his church and his country.

Niger is a former French colony with strong ties to France, where two brothers attacked the staff of the satirical weekly newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris for mocking the prophet Muhammad.

Some Niger Muslims were incensed when their president and leaders from other African nations participated in a large Paris march against radical Islam instead of condemning the "blasphemers." They turned their rage against the Christians in their own country.

New Bible studies rise out of the ashes.

The pastors of the four other churches in Niamey with CBSI classes didn't despair. They came together to celebrate how God miraculously preserved their Bible study lesson booklets. **The pastors took it as a sign. They believed that God was spotlighting their people's need for CBSI's in-depth Bible study.**



God protected CBSI lesson booklets from the devastating fire that consumed Pastor Remi's home.

Seven other pastors saw that the CBSI ministry has the light their people need to know God better and to grow in their faith, so they began Bible studies in their churches in the weeks after the rioting.

One of those pastors had been Pastor Remi's teacher. When he saw that Pastor Remi's peace, joy, and commitment to ministry had grown out of the CBSI studies, he started using the lessons in his church and family. The teacher learned from the student.



Singed but not destroyed, God's Word stands forever.

Undeterred by no buildings and no seats.

It wasn't easy for these 12 local classes to meet. With no buildings, no seats, and no electricity for lighting, still they persevered to come together to study God's Word by candlelight and torches. They are hungry to know God and His Word better.

Will you please pray for the believers in Niger who lost so much in the rioting? Will you join us in asking for God's continued protection?



Pastor Remi's church gutted by a destructive fire.

God is doing amazing things in Africa! Niger is just one story of what He is doing. **Other African nations are also asking us to bring CBSI's life-changing Bible studies to their communities, but we do not yet have the resources to say yes.** Will you ask Him to provide the resources we need to expand the ministry of the gospel to many more hungry souls? And will you pray about making a generous donation to help us engage as many Africans as we can with God and His Word?

Thank you! God's Word is powerful in every language and culture.

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