

# Paris in springtime

While missionaries were being expelled from Morocco, a team was busy freely giving Gospels and talking to crowds of Moroccans. While Algerian Christians were living under the threat of imprisonment for evangelising, a team was freely preaching and distributing to hundreds of Algerians. That is the great privilege we have, as millions of Muslims from closed countries walk our streets daily in Western Europe. For the last 15 years teams have been going out in Paris every Easter, sharing Christ.

## Door to Door Visitation

Door to door work in rough tower blocks is intimidating but also has many advantages. Once inside, it is dry and warm and walking from one door to the next is just a few steps. Many conversations were had and Gospels and Bibles given.

We went back to see a family we have known many years. The first Muslim I saw pray in front of me and also the first to introduce me to the delicacy of sheep's brain! After a general discussion, my friend spoke of his son working with a tribe in Papua New Guinea, showing pictures and explaining the changes the Gospel is making in the lives of men and women.

## Market distribution

On Monday, we were at Clignancourt flea market. Street after street of stalls and shops selling anything from antiques and shotguns to second hand clothes! And many Muslims willing to stop and talk. "Come and preach to my friend, convert him!" A joke leading to a long discussion with Farid from Algeria. So Farid and several friends received Gospel material in Kabyle, one of the Algerian languages.

Thursday we went to a new market near the church. It was nearly 100% North African. Muslim Imams were out in force, collecting money for a new Mosque. 'He who builds a house

for Allah on earth, Allah will build him a house in paradise.' So read the posters. We were able to install our literature trolleys in an excellent spot in the market. Much literature was given out and even asked for.

The mint tea counter proved worth visiting. One team member who worked in North Africa got talking to a Moroccan couple. On learning where they were from, he asked if they knew a missionary doctor who had worked there. Remarkably, they had and a conversation followed. Praise the Lord for faithful believers whose lives still speak many years later.

## The Lord at Work

What were some of the greatest encouragements? Maybe the regular contact who took literature and CDs again and said that he takes them back to Algeria and gives them to the family as presents. Or the Moroccan who wanted to talk more and then revealed that he knows Algerian Christians and is close to trusting the Lord. Or the Algerian who said that he had trusted the Lord a few months ago. God is working in North Africa and that blessing is spilling over into France. We sowed and pray that God will give the increase.

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Meeting people at the market.

