

A letter to Abeba Gola from Aman Kuli: (Jan 23, 2021)

Aman Kuli's Testimony

"I was born on April 16 in1988 G.C. My father is Kuli Ambo and my mother Basu Abdella. We lived in Oromia regional state of Munessa Wereda Anno Peasant Association. I attended grade 1 to 10 at Kersa high school. I belonged to a Muslim family with a background which seriously followed Islam as the only way to heaven and also I was a member of the team that is known as Mesgid which have the following major aim and vision to build Mesjid in every kilometer of Ethiopia. To build strong Islamic government in Ethiopia and to make everybody Muslim was the primary aim of that team.

I purposely read the Bible 6 times in order to know and challenge Christians on the questions that I found in the Bible. I persecuted Christians as much as possible and followed 17 newly converted Christians who had no strong knowledge or Bible depth and convinced them to believe in Islam.

But one day something happened in my life. I was riding on horse back to go to a wedding and since I was not an experienced rider, suddenly the horse bolted and I fell from the horse being suspended between the horse and the ground as the horse kept galloping for 1 hour. I saw the written name "Jesus" in the cloud three times and on the third time I called out loud and said "Jesus" and the horse stopped and I landed safely. This event was the turning point for me to believe in Jesus and I received him as my personal Savior and Lord. I submitted to MKC local church where I persecuted Christians before I was converted. They were amazed by my conversion to Christianity and praised the Lord and give me teaching and trained me how to follow and serve the Lord.

Not long after I became a Christian, I was warned by my familiy, and from my wife's family and from the team that I participated in Mesjid with, to stop believing in Christianity and return to Islam. But I rejected their offerings of denying the true God and then they started to take actions against me. My wife left me to care for an infant girl and a two-year-old boy and she married another rich person. I was robbed twice by those who hated me and my belief in Christianity.

I was in jail twice. Once in the Kersa police station for fourteen days because my Muslim families accused me that I had defiled our belief in converting to Christianity. The second time, I was in a jail of Assela prison for twenty days because they found me teaching people in a protected area.

They excluded me from social communications with families and relatives completely. Another rejection came to me from another side. Unexpectedly, I was at the left side of Chialao. They ordered me to do the following quickly:

- 1. Kill pastor Endezina who is the senior pastor of MLC church at Aselaranch
- 2. Kill Girma Hirpo who is working together with me in Muslim evangelization. They threatened me if I didn't do it. My children and I would be killed. I said ok and returned to my home and submitted my dangerous situation to the Arsi zone police, Oromia regional state and then to Prime Minister to get protection. Finally I got protection and now I am in my ministry. In all these challenges, the Lord has given me success. In my ministry, 7000 Muslims have converted to Christianity and received water baptism. I have discipled 120 missionaries and 10 missionary coordinators. In addition to these, 8 of my family members received the Lord. Praise the Lord they are playing a vital role in the church they belong to. I planted 64 new churches.

Now I urgently need a pick-up truck for transportation since my ministry has expanded to many places such as Borena, Guji, Harer, Arsi, Bale, all Oromiya regions. I am not only taking the responsibilities of the Gospel but also I live in a rental home with my two children and two brothers paying 3000 birr monthly. Rental property doesn't usually want someone who has many family members, because water and light fees increase. They prefer a single person. But I am unable to rent a larger house due to the cost.

Lastly I invite all who read this letter to be a prayer worrier and stand with me in all ways, joining hand to hand for this blessed ministry and urging the promises of the Lord's second coming by spreading the Gospel.

Details of our ministry and missionaries within Arsi and Bale regions.

Our vision is to reach non-believers based on Matthew 28:19-20. This ministry is a contextualized Gospel preaching ministry to Muslims starting from Arsi and Bale to the end of the world.

In our ministry there are more than fifty voluntary missionaries who are serving the Gospel. This ministry bears amazing fruit. Many people believe in Jesus and are baptized, being delivered from Satan and different diseases, changing their life by the power of Gospel. We establish home churches in their areas.

A big challenge in this ministry is if a person comes to Jesus, their lives are often threatened. They have financial problems and they must receive discipleship training.

There are 8 region Missionary Coordinators in the East Arsi and Bale Regions who together with the 50 voluntary missionaries all need sponsors. In addition COVID19 is a problem. Please stand with us to serve the Gospel of Kingdom of God. God bless you that you obey the Word of God in Matthew 28:19-20 that Jesus ordered all Believers.

Aman Kuli

Editor's Note: Aman Kuli is the pastor who baptized the Muslim youth that Abeba and the GreenStone Ministry team visited in 2019. This brief description of his ministry demonstrates the effectiveness of the Kingdom work he is part of. We provided Bibles for the baptized former Muslim youth when the GreenStone Team visited. Groups of former Muslim youth continue to be taught by Aman Kuli and the missionaries who work with him. It is a blessing to us to realize how important those Bibles were but at the same time we recognize that new groups continue to go through training and the question remains "who gives them a Bible?" Oh, Lord, may we be faithful!

As you watch the baptism and see the young men and women singing their praises to the Lord, please pray that we will be faithful. Recently we have prayed for the youth of Ethiopia. This is an answer to those prayers. God is doing miraculous things through the ministry of Aman Kuli. Please pray for him and for his team.