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Dear friends,

I have just arrived back from a mission trip after almost 5 weeks and I wanted to thank you for your prayers and support. During this time, I have had several opportunities to share the gospel, pray for people, and train our pastors for the Diploma course.

Thanks to my two friends Matthew and Celeb from the States who joined me in this mission trip for two weeks each.

Thank you also for your fervent prayers during this trip. **One of the highlights for me was:**

I was talking to some of our believers asking about how they came to know Christ. One of the believers, a woman, got up and said, I came to know Christ through a gospel song, sung by brother Joseph in a family prayer meeting in 2013.

That brother Joseph is none other than me and I was awestruck to hear that testimony.

I moved to the States in 2011 and after two years in 2013 I went back for a furlough, staying at my brother's place a bit. During this time, I was in a family prayer meeting and was requested to sing a song which is normal. I sang the song that says, "...who can love like Jesus, who can forgive like Jesus and who can be compared to Him?" The Holy Spirit used that song to minister to her that night and she went back to her home and thought about the song and the lyrics.

This woman has gone through some very difficult times in life. At one point she wanted to commit suicide, but she found a new hope in Christ. That song ministered to her especially when she heard the words **No one loves you like Jesus**. She wanted Christ in her life, so she asked Jesus for forgiveness, accepted Him as her personal Savior, and got baptized. She is now an active member in our main church and leads the worship.

What a joy to know that someone came to know Christ through a small attempt to tell about Christ by sharing or by singing. I praise God for the opportunity to be able to sing that night, so let us keep singing!

There were some amazing testimonies given and we had a special time with the Lord being encouraged and strengthening our faith and trust in Him. I look forward to sharing more of these testimonies soon!

None of this would have been possible without your ongoing prayers and financial giving. Thank you.

Joseph