

Prevailers Partner with Odles to Make Disciples and Plant Churches in Northern Ghana

Overview

Prevailers is a church planting movement led by Musah Imoro. Prevailers work exclusively in communities where there are no existing churches.

Partnership Results

- Six churches and four Bible Study groups
- 75 Adults and more than 180 children regularly meeting and learning to make more disciples

Prevailers' Process

- Introduction to chief and elders
- Prayerwalking several times
- Show the Jesus Film
- Make an altar call with preaching
- Share the gospel in every house
- Disciple new believers using Discipleship Making Movement (DMM) methods and Discovery Bible Study (DBS) methods
- Train leaders to be disciple makers

Partner Needs

- Large Video projector for outdoors
- Three Small projectors for leading studies in home
- Speaker with microphones
- Two tablets for multimedia
- Computer for Musah
- Microchips for leaders use audio and video resources in local languages—it's done on phones!

Musah Imoro is a church planter, pastor, husband of Rose and father of two children. Descended from a long line of Muslim leaders, he is is passionate about sharing Jesus with Muslims.

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Prevailers started making disciples and planting churches in Northern Ghana communities—where there are no churches—in 2015. Born from the passion, prayers, and pioneer work of Musah Imoro, *Prevailers* now has ten volunteer members nurturing six active churches and four Bible study groups. *Prevailers* has shared the gospel with every home in more than 25 rural communities and in several neighborhoods of Tamale.

Born into an Imam's family, Musah left Islam nearly 30 years ago hungry to follow Jesus and with deep passion to share Jesus with Muslims. The need for *Prevailers* emerged during the five years he showed the Jesus Film to thousands of people under the direction of [The Great Commission Movement of Ghana](#) (GCMG). GCMG is a ministry of [Campus Crusade for Christ](#) (CRU).

The Jesus Film is powerful.

Musah saw hundreds and hundreds of people moved to seek prayer and express a desire to know Jesus better.

But there was a problem: ***No one remained to teach them how to follow Jesus.***

Musah's GCMG team had a single task: familiarize communities with the gospel by showing The Jesus Film many times in many places. GCMG's hope was that the pioneer work would soften people towards the gospel and church planters would soon move behind. However, denominations and church planting groups often lagged far, far behind the teams—and many communities never met another evangelistic Christian.

And yet, people were already responding to the gospel after the Jesus Film was shown just once.

The Baptist Convention of Ghana, of which Musah is a member and pastor, saw his work and sponsored him to start two preaching stations and birth two churches in 2014. He would publicly show the Jesus Film in communities—just like he had been doing—**but then he stayed** making disciples and established a church with those who responded.

The communities saw different results—new believers and new churches!

The funding for GCMG ended in 2015, and so did Musah's employment—but *Prevailers* was fully born.

Although he is a Baptist, Musah was, "just thinking of expanding the Kingdom of God. It was not denominational," and encourage pastors from other denominations to lead other new churches. Musah also formed a development and disciple making partnership with [Team Expansion](#) missionary Mike Squires.

October 2016 created a new set of challenges for Musah: Mike Squires passed away suddenly and the Baptist stopped planting churches. Faced with no income, no resources for ministry and no partners, Musah kept seeking the Lord for next steps.

The Odles, arriving in Ghana June 2016 partnered with Team Expansion and chose to continue Musah's work with *Prevailers*. Soon, Musah traveled to more communities and more people asked Musah if they could work with him.

Musah says of *Prevailers*, "We are now ten people who move. We go to the community, take our time and establish a church." The volunteer workers come from a variety of protestant backgrounds, bound together by a calling for disciple making and starting churches in unreached villages. Individuals from the Baptist, Assemblies of God, Anglican, and other churches are coming together to pray, share Christ, disciple new believers, encourage believers and plant churches.

Most denominations in Northern Ghana are focused on planting large churches in Tamale and larger towns—and very few are going to the smaller communities. ***Prevailers* has become an important and unique place for those called to do evangelistic work in small communities.**

Prevailers' vision is to reach communities throughout Northern Ghana and other parts of Africa. Musah and Jared are working together to create new leadership training opportunities for disciple making and becoming more purpose-driven.

Prevailers pray, work and think as a church planting movement. Musah says, "As a church planting movement you think of so many things. We think of moving to new areas where the gospel has not reached. We also think of discipleship. We also think of the children. We also think of the primary schools."



Most people make a decision for Christ as a student, and Musah is preaching at secondary boarding schools in Tamale 2 – 4 times each month. "I see it important because most people meet Christ in school. You can't reach them in their homes because of Muslim communities. So the primary way to reach them is through the schools."

Further plans are being made to reach students through sports and teaching in boarding schools.

The Odles have aided *Prevailers*, mainly by supporting Musah and his family, but also by providing transportation money for the team and renting video and audio equipment for showing the Jesus film. An unexpected benefit for Musah was the commitment the Odles made, through the commitment of a special donor, to provide education for Musah's two children. "Its big for me. It's really big. I was not expecting it, but...it happened. My children are in school. All the fees are paid. All the books are bought. I couldn't have done this by myself."

The Odles are making a difference in their partnership with the *Prevailers* and Musah Imoro. This is a ministry would not exist without the support and prayers of hundreds of mission minded Christians.

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