



## Happy to Obey God

by a national pastor in a Creative Access Country

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Thank God for His words! Since the Lord called me to share the gospel, I have many times been interrogated, harassed and threatened. People threaten to close the church, to throw me in prison, to cut my feet or to beat me up.

One late Saturday afternoon I faced a different type of threat when I visited a new Christian family in another village. The husband's mother stood at the entrance of the home scolding and insulting me for bringing the gospel to her son's family. She had prepared a bucket of pig's waste to throw on me. After about an hour visiting the family, I came out of the house to go home. The woman was waiting for me at the entrance, ready with her bucket. I walked up to her and said: "Lady, I heard everything you have said about me and my religion. Those things were not good to hear but you know I still cherish you."

The woman continued to insult. She held the bucket in her hand, trying to make me promise to not come to her son's house again to share the gospel. I answered that I couldn't promise that because her son and I are friends and I must continue to visit him. I told her that even if she were to throw the contents of her bucket on me I would still love her! Then I told her, "I have to go home; peace be on you!"

I started my motorbike, and she let me leave without throwing any of the waste on me. Halleluiah, praise the Lord! God even sent an angel to drive a motorbike slowly behind me and escort me out of that village. When I got home, the man called me and said he was so thankful to the Lord for allowing him to witness everything that took place. He prayed, "Lord, tomorrow if you send me out to share the gospel and if I have to cope with things similar to this or even worse than this, I would be happy to obey you!"



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