

# Burkina Faso

For years now, the continent of Africa has led the way in Church growth. By 2060 it is estimated that more than 4 out of 10 Christians in the world will live in sub-Saharan Africa.

One study predicts that Burkina Faso will have the fastest growth rate of Christians. Currently, 62 % of the population are Muslims, but the number of Christians has been growing steadily, and is now around 22% of the population. Some of these are immigrants from places like Syria or Lebanon, but many are former Muslims who have chosen to follow Christ.

Conflict between political groups has led to violence with attempts

to divide the nation by religion. But Burkina Faso has a history of tolerance for religious diversity and interfaith marriages are fairly common.

Aziz and Esther are one such couple. They met in college and despite some concerns from their families, have been married for 11 years. When they married, Aziz was a Muslim and Esther was a Christian but when their first child was born, they had serious conversations about how they would teach faith to their children. Over time, Esther's faithfulness in telling Bible stories to her children and teaching them about Jesus spoke to Aziz also. Before their third child was born, he had also decided to follow Christ.

*“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.”*

ACTS 9:31

## *How can we pray?*

**Pray for the Church in Burkina Faso to have good discipleship so that as it grows, it grows strong and mature and can be an effective witness to Muslims.**

**Pray for Muslims married to Christians to be won over to faith in Christ by the love and example of their Christian spouses.**

**Pray for peace in Burkina Faso, for continued freedom of religion and for the growth of the Church to continue.**