

# Rhea Communiqué

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Over the years we have asked you to pray for the JESUS film and its wide use in Africa. The film has been produced in 1,700+ languages! In addition to the large outdoor showings, it's available on DVD for private showings to a few people.

My Ethiopian friend, Miheret Tilahun, is part of the digital leadership team with Cru. He sent me this heartwarming, encouraging story of a Middle Eastern man named Ahmed:

*Ahmed was in Mecca fulfilling his Islamic requirement, to pray with others at the "Holy Site".*

*It was very crowded and people were using buses to move around. After fulfilling his religious duties, Ahmed felt very empty. He was deeply troubled in his heart, but there was no one with whom he could share it. Waiting alone for a bus, Ahmed kept thinking "What went wrong, I am not feeling anything different?" Downcast, he boarded the bus.*

*The bus driver started a conversation with Ahmed. "Why are you sad?" Ahmed replied, "I am not". The driver, said "Yes, you are". Ahmed (in a quiet voice): "It seems like something went wrong. I'm not feeling any different coming here. I didn't get answers". The driver responded, **"If you pray to Isa (Jesus), He will listen to you"**.*

*Ahmed was shocked the driver said this and then he added, "Pray, using the name Isa, and He will listen to you very quickly". Ahmed left the bus emotional, with mixed feelings and found a corner to reflect on his recent experiences. He left Mecca with more curiosity about Isa who listened and answered prayers very quickly.*

*Arriving back home in North Africa, Ahmed started asking around about Isa and found a neighbor who happened to have some information about the Christian life. The neighbor invited him to watch the JESUS film.*

*A few minutes into the film, Ahmed exclaimed while pointing to Isa (Jesus), **"That's the driver of the bus I saw in Mecca!"** Shortly after this, both men gave their lives to Jesus and became His followers.*

Al, you are part of this story. Thank you for your prayers for my time at the Digital Summit in Argentina, Miheret

And you too are part of the story! As you have prayed for the JESUS film showings and the positive results of changed lives. This is just one of the digital strategies being used in Southern and Eastern Africa and around the world. Your prayers make a difference.

Grace and peace,

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