



## Daniel Zigi

Last week Jonathan Oastler and I went to visit Daniel Zigi. (Jonathan is the COC pastor who visited us from Toowoomba. We have been friends since we were at church and university together.)

“Danzigi” is a converted Moslem. He used to reside at Bauchi, about three hours north-east of Jos, until he was attacked there and two of his disciples were butchered. He then moved to Jos, where he experienced similar riots last November. (Bauchi had these Islamic riots again three weeks

ago.) Danzigi operates a half way house. He receives converted Moslems from all over northern Nigeria and from other sub-Saharan nations. He only takes them in when their life is in danger. Pictured above is a class his wife is teaching, with the children of Moslems. The parents are afraid to come near Christians but send their children secretly to learn about Jesus and to receive an education. It is all “Nicodemus” style. *Open Doors* (Brother Andrew) sponsors Danzigi A\$600 per month.

Pictured below is Jonathan viewing a room of sewing machines at Danzigi’s, where converted Moslems learn various skills to set them up in micro-business. They have no support or inheritance from family or past community when they convert and have no land so cannot farm as before. They lose all capital to do small trade, etc.

**CFI** Danzigi sends some of his disciples onto CFI, if after at least one year with them they notice that this is in line with God’s call for them. We currently have 13 students at CFI sent to us from Danzigi. Each of them pays A\$140 per year for full-time boarding studies with feeding, which Danzigi raises. This is not *charity*, but ministry training, for people who are reaching many with the gospel. It is strategic.



Pictured left is Murtala Ishaku. Murtala comes from the very strong Islamic Kano area. When he was saved his family locked him up for 14 days without food. A policeman helped him to escape. He then met a stranger on the road who was a pastor and spent some time with him. Later he was sent onto Danzigi for protection and disciplining. Murtala is now with CFI and will return later to the Kano region to preach the gospel.

**“Father Friday”** Friday is a friend of ours. We helped train him when we were in Benin. He lived with our family, as one of the students on security. Each morning at 4:00 am they would arise and sing, pray and study the scripture together. Then they would sweep the leaves and monitor those from our community collecting

daily water at our house. Then they went to classes for the day. Friday left after graduation and went to Jos. Today he is an Anglican Pastor in a Spirit filled Anglican diocese. He has a boy whom he and his wife named Kent. Last November his house was attacked by Moslems. They boarded up his house with Friday and his wife and children inside. They then set fire to the house and encircled it to kill anyone who tried to flee. Friday and his family found a refuge inside the house where they waited. The house was burnt to the ground but they survived unhurt, though they lost everything, including all his past photos, etc. They are well and happy and still serving the Lord in the Anglican ministry in Jos. Here pictured is Friday who visited us at CFI last week.

