

Man Declared Insane, Hospitalized for Confessing Christ

When Arab Muslims come to the Lord, it often brings swift **persecution** from family and friends who maintain their Muslim roots.

Mohammed, a North African who converted to Christianity, is living proof. He was put in a mental-health facility and given shock treatment after he confessed Christ, according to a report from The Pioneers.

It seems Mohammed was possessed by demons for a long time. One of his Muslim friends advised him to see the Coptic priest for prayer.

God used that priest to cast out all his demons, and he was healed. Another friend suggested he go on the pilgrimage to Mecca to prevent the **demons** from coming back in the future. While he was in Mecca, Mohammed dreamed every day about that Coptic priest, and he saw the cross everywhere he looked.

After a few months, Mohammed returned to Saudi Arabia for business. While he was there, his father phoned and Mohammed confessed his newfound Christian faith. In response, his father told all Mohammed's relatives in Saudi Arabia not to allow his son to leave Islam, Pioneers reports.

When Mohammed's relatives found out about his faith, they took away his computer and tried to bring him back to Islam. His Saudi employer threatened to fire him and send him to prison. Miraculously, he left in peace and returned to North Africa.

When Mohammed arrived, a relative took him to see a sheikh. The sheikh determined that Mohammed was mentally ill and

needed to see a psychiatrist. His family then committed him to a mental hospital where he received electric shock therapy. But it failed to cure him of his new faith.

When Mohammed asked the Pioneers workers to meet him via the website, he told them he wanted to learn more about the Bible. For a long time he was afraid to enter a church because many Muslims told him that no Muslim could go in and come out alive. Nevertheless, he finally came and met with the couple, then a pastor, for hours on end.

The Pioneers workers report Mohammed was "full of joy that he met people who would listen to him, encourage him, pray with him, and not tell him he was mentally ill." Who the son sets free is free indeed.