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Issa Elhadjkouldjami, the pastor of one of the few Christian churches in Zinder, first heard about the threats from his son in January. The boy ran home from school to tell his father that their neighbors planned to burn their church and home.

The pastor moved his family to the local gendarmerie where he prayed and read the Bible while Muslim protestors looted and burned his church, along with their home attached to the building.

"We lost a lot of things," Issa said. "We were really full of pain. While we're reading the Bible , we were relieved." So open was their attitude of praise, one woman who witnessed their reaction accepted Christ. ...

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