



## **MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT:** August 4, 2019

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### *John & Mary Hanes* **North Africa / Middle East**

Today we are going to pray for two of our missionaries who serve in North Africa and so of course we won't say exactly where they serve and we won't use their real names, but we'll call them John and Mary.

They are working to reach the Berber people, a large and almost completely Muslim people group who live in more than half a dozen countries across North Africa. The work is slow, but not impossible, because a number of churches have been planted among the Berbers. Our church has helped in all those, because we support missionaries like John and Mary across that region through our Cooperative Program giving each month.

How could John and Mary get the Berbers to trust them — and the message about Jesus they wanted to share? Our missionaries found that the people in their area needed fuel for cooking. So they began collecting trash and converting it into usable fuel. Their local church started helping — and opened a trash processing center. Now the church provides fuel to more than 40 needy families around them. This helps meet a serious need, but also enables John and Mary to get to know people and establish trust.

Today let's pray for our missionaries, John and Mary, and let's thank God that even trash can be used to share the Gospel! Let's ask that so many Berbers will come to faith in Christ that they won't be called "unreached" any more!



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