

Jesus: hope, peace and healing for Senegal



Dr Aril Edvarsen preaching from the platform

The well-known Norwegian Evangelist Dr Aril Edvarsen sojourned in Senegal March 20-27, preaching a message of hope, peace and healing. Thousands of people, Christians and Muslims altogether, came everyday during this period to hear the Word of God that he preached from 5:00-8:00 pm. The theme of his preaching was: *“Jesus: Hope, Peace and Healing for Senegal.”* After the preaching every night, he invited those who wanted to accept Christ as their own Lord and Savior to join the platform and then he performed healing prayers for the sick persons. In His mercy, God really healed people spiritually and physically during this crusade that took place in the *Khar Yallah* soccer field in Dakar.

To avoid any unfortunate incident, the government of Senegal has sent police officers in order to ensure the safety of the preacher and all the people who participated in this crusade.



Thousands of people came to the Khar Yallah soccer field to hear the Gospel

Dr Aril Edvarsen came to Senegal at the invitation of the **“Fraternité Evangélique du Sénégal”** (the Union of Evangelical Churches in Senegal). Dr Aril is the right person to come to Senegal at this time to prepare two important world meetings that will take place in this country this year: the World Islamic Conference and the World Islamic-Christian Dialogue Summit. Dr Aril Advarsen has a large experience in the Islamic-Christian Dialogue area. In the past, he has preached successfully the Word of God in many Islamic countries and brought significant changes in those countries.

During his meeting with people of the Press and Radio on Monday March 20, when asked what he thought about the cartoons of Prophet Muhammad that were published in his country, he replied: ***“I strongly condemn that kind of freedom. I believe that people are free to express themselves, but I also believe that our freedom stops where begins that of others. People must have respect for what is the subject of religion and reverence for others. I myself always had problems with that magazine in Norway. I never talk to them. I always boycott them. It is a little tiny magazine that has earned the world publicity now thanks to these cartoons. And this is what they wanted.”***

In his preaching Dr Aril Edvarsen insisted on the fact that Christians and Muslims need to work together for a better future in this World. He said that it is important for Senegal to continue to play its role of a country where Christians and Muslims live in perfect harmony. Senegal demonstrates its ability of a good student in regards to inter-religious dialogue. Countries like Nigeria where Muslims and Christians fight and kill themselves everyday should learn a lesson from Senegal.

Nkemba Ndjungu
Mbwizu Ndjungu
Your Partners in Mission