

"I NEVER HEARD HIS NAME."

I was alone in the Woman's Medical Mission House one morning, writes *Blanche G. Vining*, in *North Africa*, when a rather fine-looking young Moor came up to the door, leading a gaunt mule, upon which was the huddled-up form of an old woman.

On going down to find out what was wanted, the man told me he had brought his mother to us for treatment. They had come two days' journey, and the woman had been ill a long, long time. I helped her son to get her down from the mule, and took her into the house: she was evidently suffering greatly, and was greatly emaciated and worn-looking, but she seemed to be a nice, sensible woman, of perhaps nearly fifty years.

It did not take *Miss Breeze* long to find out that the poor thing was far gone with cancer, and quite incurable, and she said that in all probability she would not live more than two months. While *Miss Breeze* went to make up some medicine, which she hoped might alleviate the intense pain, and give at least intervals of comparative rest, I sat on the floor beside the poor woman, and

HOLDING HER HAND IN MINE,

told her as gently as I could what the doctor had said. I then proceeded to put the Gospel plainly and simply before her with the Wordless Book. I never had a more attentive listener while I spoke of sin and God's judgment of it, and our need of a Saviour and Substitute. But at the words "Sidda Aisa" she fixed questioning eyes on me and repeated "Aisa!" "Yes," I said, "Aisa, Jesus, who came from God and died to save us, you and me,—did you never hear of Him?"

A blank look, a shake of the head, and she replied, "Aisa, no! I never heard His name." I could hardly command my voice to speak again for a few minutes. I felt overwhelmed with the thought—she had never heard of Jesus, the only Saviour. I should never see her again, and she was dying, only perhaps a few weeks to live. My heart cried,

"O GOD! TEACH ME, TEACH HER,"

and I tried in a few simple sentences to show her her own personal need, and Christ's love for her, and power to save her, even though she had not heard before. O, how helpless, how utterly helpless, I felt to make it plainer to her, and never shall I forget the way she looked into my face, the tears that kept filling my eyes being answered by those which glistened on her own cheeks, and said, "But I am so poor, and I have been so long sick, I cannot have done anything very bad, is my heart really so black?"

God only knows how much of His truth really entered her heart, for her son was impatient to go, and we could not keep her. The medicine was given her, and finding the son could read, a Gospel was given to him, and they went away.

It is thus that the message of salvation is carried away by those to whom it may prove a savor of life, and the leaven in the land to which they go.—*Medical Missionary Record*.

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