



Asije's Story

Albania

Asije, a teenager from Albania, was born and raised in a Muslim family. Her dad is an unemployed alcoholic with a bad temper when he drinks. Her mom cleans to support the family. They often don't have enough food to eat.

Asije's cousin tried to hurt her, but no one believed her, not even her mom. "I felt so abandoned," she says. Not long after, she heard the Gospel when she attended a concert. Uplifted by the message, she went to a church and began attending a *Project Philip* Bible study.

"I began to feel God's love," she says. When she told the pastor and some youth group members about how her cousin tried to hurt her, they prayed for her and Asije felt a heavy burden lifted. "I was set free!" she remembers.

Romans 10:17 is Asije's favorite verse: *So faith comes from hearing the Good News. And people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ.* She explains, "The more I study the Bible, the more my character changes and the more faith I have. Jesus gave meaning to my life. I am free from fear and depression."

Friends have noticed her joyful outlook and she now serves in her church's children's ministry.

"Thank you for helping me find true life and light in the Bible," she concludes. "The Bible is the bread of my soul. I often sleep without eating, but not without reading the Bible. It gives me the strength to live for tomorrow!"



Questions:

How is Asije's life different from yours? _____

Do you open up to your parents about your life? Do you open up to God in prayer?

How did the Bible change Asije's life? _____

