Easter Discontent in the Gambia - Desire for a New, More Complete Truth

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For Easter in The Gambia all the Christians - Methodist, Anglican and Catholic -- march together through the streets singing as witness of their faith. Christian holidays are quiet ones (as opposed to Moslem drumming and loud chanting). Their numbers are getting smaller each year as it becomes politically and economically more advantageous to be Moslem.

But the same discontent is evident in the young people of both faiths -- the same desire for a new, more complete truth. We are learning so many lessons of parenthood and the deep meaning of how God loves us as a result.

Another way the re-education is going on is many Gambians have gone to Sweden and there they meet friends from Russia. Right now we know of at least one such Gambian who is holding discussion groups for his fellow Gambians, Marxism being the topic.

We are finding more and more people who are aware of what's going on in the country and it's encouraging.