

## Timoteo Sampaio

I am Timóteo Moxi Sampaio, 27 years old, residing in Angola, the city of Luanda on the African continent. I am the firstborn of my parents and I have 5 siblings.

In a nutshell, I'll tell you a little bit of my story. Since I was little I dreamed of being a nurse and pastor. My parents and family always worked hard to ensure that I completed my studies.

When I was a child, I was taken to church by my mother. One day when we were leaving the church, I saw a man with long hair, with old clothes, wearing sandals and a belt on his waist. My mother took me

in her arms along with my brothers. I asked if she had seen that Lord who was on the curve of that alley that we passed. She said that she had not seen any man there, nor did my brothers. To this day I don't know who this unusual person who appeared to me was. He didn't say anything, but just fixed his gaze on me until I passed.

After finishing the first and second student cycles in 2014, I entered the Training School for Health Technicians in Luanda. After taking the nursing course in 2017, I finished my training as a medium nursing technician. After the final defense of the course, some colleagues and I were selected to be part of a recruitment in one of the best clinics in our country. We went through three eliminatory stages and in all of them I had good qualifications. At the time to be framed, me and my two colleagues were not framed for religious freedom issues. I was very sad that day, and when I got home I just wanted to cry and question. But, in everything I decided to trust God.

This was in 2018. In 2019, the doors opened for me. I went to do an interview in an NGO called Rede Mulher Angola as a social activist and was recruited as Supervisor of Activists. I worked there for a few months, until I started working in my area of training in a health center. When I worked at Rede Mulher Angola, I never had peace. My mind always led me to reflect on the call I have to serve the Lord as a pastor. Even today at the moment I write this story, I don't have peace in me because I know I have a calling to lead souls to Christ.

I've lost count of how many times I've dreamed that I'm late at school. I dreamed that I entered the classroom and it was the day of the test I asked my colleagues, "When did they warn about the test?" And they answered, "Mate, where are you going? Don't you know that today is exam day?" I still dreamed that I entered the classroom late and asked my colleagues which subject this teacher teaches and they answered me, "How do you not know the subject this teacher teaches? Where are you going?" These have been my dreams and they have been repetitive. I understand that it is time for me to be forming myself to better serve the Lord.

If the sea opens up for me, I know that I will pass over the waters until I reach the end. Because I have financial problems, I need help to get into college and take the Theology course.

I believe that God has a purpose in my life, as well as in everyone's life. I have a calling to serve the Lord and I know the Lord will use me as His instrument to bring many souls into His kingdom.

There are many things that have already happened in my life, but I decided to write only these things and I believe that the Lord will translate my request.

I believe this letter will be greatly appreciated and my petition will be granted. Graciously! Luanda on December 29, 2021

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