

Dear Friends in the Ministry for the Cause of Christ,

What a blessing it is to know the Truth, the Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a blessing proclaiming Him and answering questions through the proclamation of Christ. Thank you all so much for faithfully telling others about the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

## **Christ Still Seeks Sinners**

"I want to come to the Bible Study." Our Afghani friend said. While Beth was out knocking with our girls, a young lady seemed so interested. She wasn't dressed in normal Islamic clothing, yet when she visited, she told others she is Muslim. Praise the LORD, she came to our Easter service where we had a time of fellowship and time in God's word. While teaching/preaching about the resurrection, I had to stop to explain much of the scripture. I told her about

salvation. Our friend left excited and plans to come back. Keep her in prayer. "My wife bought me a ticket to a Christian Music Show." Amer said. This may not seem like a big deal, but Amer's wife is still a Muslim, yet she went to a classical Christian music concert with him. She's asked the difference in Christianity and Islam. She no longer wants pictures of the Quran in her house and Amer teaches her the Bible almost daily. Your prayers are working. Amer also took the opportunity to witness to his family during Ramadan. Muslims fast, and on the final night of Ramadan, it is said, their prayers and acts of goodness multiply in value before Allah to make up for past sins. Amer shared how this is wrong and I counseled him to show them that true forgiveness and blessings are in Christ.

"Thank you so much!" Our Lebanese neighbor said. Ramadan, Islam's month of fasting started, and we used this as an opportunity to be a blessing. We got tasty desserts for our Muslim neighbors. Our Muslim neighbors gave us a gift a few days later. We also visited our non-Muslim elderly neighbor to check on her and the Lord let me share some encouraging Scripture with her. She said we could visit her to do Bible study anytime. I believe little acts of grace opens door of opportunity to share the gospel.

"I would like to know that." A young Lebanese teen told me. While door knocking, a young Muslim teenager told me that he would like to know how he can have assurance of a home in heaven. I shared the Gospel and invited him to the church. One lady said she was half Muslim/half Christian. She also wants to visit. The list goes on of several gospel opportunities. Christ is seeking these, and we pray they respond to the call to salvation.

Brother Bill and 5 other ministers are going to visit Pastor Girgis in Egypt June 1! We will send gifts and needs for the ministry there. Pastor Girgis has been able to meet with Muslims that seek the truth and want Bibles. He is currently discipling new believers, as well. We also will have the Spring Festival May 28-29 and will be distributing the gospel/invitations these next couple of weeks. We are getting more John/Romans, flags for our entrance, and a new sign for the church. Pray as we follow up on the contacts we have and relationships we are building. God seeks sinners through His Spirit within us.

## **Family Matters**

When we upped Joshua's medicine because of new seizures, it really shocked his body as he couldn't stay awake, and he was very sick to his stomach. Then he would have bouts with seizures. He just got a 48 hour in hospital EEG, and we await results. Praise the LORD we are seeing improvements. Yet, thank the Lord, Joshua and I took a short trip with the teens to the Ark/Creation Museum. Sandy and Emma finished up their basketball season as winners for both of their teams. Noah is always full of life and energy. As you can see, the Lord uses Beth mightily in reaching ladies and a full-time job keeping me in line! LOL!

As Muslims finish fasting for Ramadan, let us think of ways, we can draw closer to God and point others to Jesus. They fast to try to go to Paradise. Let us seek Him because He is worthy!

For Jesus. David, Beth, Joshua, Sandy, Emma, and Noah Gates Family

# that in all things He might have the preeminence. Colossians 1:18

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