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The mission field is here; the time is now!

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Not long ago I received a call from a physical therapist at Mayo Clinic asking me to help with interpreting for a Saudi man named "Kaliefa" at the YMCA. I agreed to help as he became settled here and adjusted to the program. During our second interaction, I was able to listen to his story explaining why he came to the Mayo Clinic. Kaliefa, only 21 years old, was diagnosed with lung cancer six years ago. He has undergone twenty surgeries and is certain that he will die from this disease, much like his father, brother, sister, and aunt have. Treatment at the Mayo Clinic with a new experimental medicine is his last chance.

While hearing his story, God used me to deliver His encouragement using many Bible verses. I told Kaliefa about Jesus and His ability to perform miracles. He asked me how Jesus could do miracles when He is not on earth anymore. I explained that Jesus is alive in heaven, a fact that is consistent with the Koran and what all Muslims believe. His miracles can be via doctors, medication, angels, or directly from Him; trusting in Jesus is all that it takes. I told him that as Christians we believe that Jesus is not only the creator but also the greatest doctor.

Kaliefa feels that he is neglected and hopeless because his older brother does not take care of him and spends most of the time with his friends. I offered my help, and I promised that he could call me whenever he needs help. Since then, we have met two additional times, and I promised to keep praying for him. I will remain in contact and continue to share the Good News while praying that the Holy Spirit will open Kaliefa's heart to receive Jesus.

John Gayed, POBLO Missionary

VOLUNTEER SHARING

Recently, I had the privilege of meeting Mohammed. He is here in Rochester because his brother has Multiple Sclerosis and is getting treatment at the Mayo Clinic. Mohammed is married and has two children. He speaks English fairly well and has a desire to improve on his language skills. He is a nominal Muslim; he wears western clothing and is clean-shaven. When living in Saudi Arabia, he worked at the Ministry of Aviation, which coordinates aviation efforts for rescue purposes.

John had the opportunity to lay the groundwork to share the Gospel with Mohammed. He came to John with many false understandings about Christianity and was skeptical about the truth of the Bible.

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When I spoke with him more recently, he believed that Muslims and Christians have more in common than any other religions. He thinks very highly of Jesus; in fact, he now thinks of Jesus as a prophet superior to Mohammed. He believes that Jesus will usher in the end times and that Muslims, Christians, and Jews have equal opportunity to receive eternal life. This is where there is a God appointed opportunity to share the "Good News" with Mohammed. He needs to understand that the Triune God is completely just, and therefore, no one can earn their way to eternity. The only way to eternal life is through the perfect righteousness of Christ and that is imputed to those who believe in Christ and His death and resurrection as the propitiation of our sins. John and I hope to be the vessels that God uses to help Mohammed understand and believe in this truth. We both believe that this needs to be approached through a significant relational investment and, more importantly, the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord willing, the opportunities that we have to share our faith will result in a movement of discipleship both here in Rochester and in Arab countries when these folks return to their home countries!

Ryan Henderson

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

- Mr. and Mrs. Cordes for a monetary donation
- St. John's Lutheran Church Ladies Aid for the donation of Chinese Bibles, Children's Bibles, and assorted Chinese Bible Study Materials.

THINGS WE ARE IN NEED OF

- Volunteers to teach English
- Volunteers to be a receptionist
- Money to purchase English language curriculum
- Gift cards to office supply stores
- Gas cards

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Game Night!** Join us on Saturday, February 20 from 6:30-8:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.