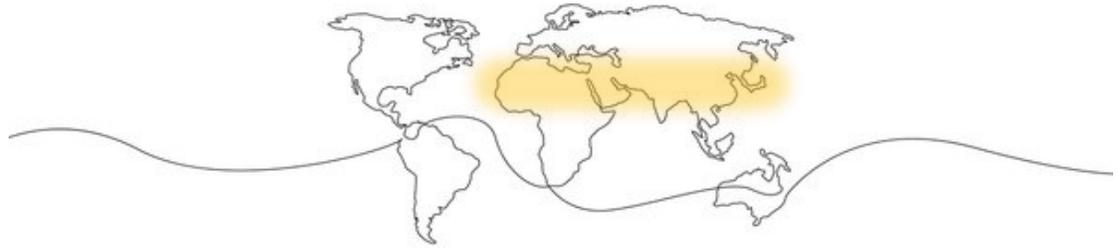


Keepin' up with the Joneses



Sending and serving missionaries to the ends of the earth

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New Year's Resolution Complete

As 2025 drew to a close, somewhere in the Middle East a college student named "Matt" sat writing out a few New Year's resolutions. One of the resolutions he wrote was "Become a Christian".

Throughout the fall of 2025 Matt became friends with some of our staff in his city. I even met him when visiting our team there in November. The men on the team had him and a couple other friends over to watch an episode of The Chosen. I remember Matt being friendly and soft-spoken. He watched the episode closely and had some insightful questions and comments when we discussed it afterward as a group.

Matt's spiritual interest increased through the fall. He began to read the Bible with a couple of our staff men. They shared the Gospel with Matt several times and discussed his questions. Matt attended events they hosted and saw the body of Christ functioning in love.

At one point he broached the subject of becoming a Christian with his parents - a decision that is often frowned upon in a culture that holds Islam as the only true religion (even though most only practice it nominally). His father expressed very strong disapproval, but Matt stood his ground and shared about the reliability of the Bible compared to the Koran.

One Sunday in early January, after writing his resolution and unbeknownst to our staff, Matt decided to attend the local church. He went by himself but was quickly welcomed by the local believers, and after the service he spent all afternoon with a group of them. This experience seemed to give Matt the confidence he needed to put his faith in Christ. The next day he texted one of our staff saying, "I think I'm feeling ready for being a Christian".

Since placing his faith in Christ, Matt has been growing. He practices spiritual disciplines. He has begun reading the Bible with his mother, he shared the Gospel with his boss at work, and he has plugged into the church and recently attended a retreat with them. **Join us in celebrating Matt's salvation and praying for his continued growth!**

The pics to the right are from our Midyear Conference in January held in Spain where many of our missionaries serving around the world attend for a week. I directly serve the people pictured. Thank you for investing in us and them!



Matt (left) with Anthony (one of our staff)

