



Keepin' up with the Joneses



Sending and serving missionaries to the ends of the earth

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End-of-Year Fruit

As the school year came to end in the Middle East, Allie (a first-year missionary) sat across the coffee house table from her local friend “Maddie”. The conversation began as usual, catching up and seeing how each other had been since they last met. They have known each other since October and had frequently spoken about spiritual things. In fact, they had been reading the Bible together almost weekly for some time. The conversation wound its way around to the topic again this day.

In previous conversations Maddie had shared that she was not satisfied with Islam because she could never be sure if she was good enough for Allah. And then there was the cost of following Jesus. Would it be worth it? Allie wondered what God had been up to in Maddie’s life since they were last together.

Maddie and Allie continued to talk. Here is how Allie recounts their conversation: “When I asked her where she stood now, she replied, ‘I know what is true about Jesus, but I have been scared to receive it.’ We opened Scripture together and talked about what it means to surrender your life to Jesus as Lord and Savior. After more conversation, she asked, ‘**When can a person pray to accept Christ? I have been searching for so long. I have come to a decision, and I will follow Jesus.**’” After months of Allie praying for Maddie, Maddie expressed her new faith in Christ through prayer with Allie.

The following week the two women attended a local church together where Maddie got connected with other local believers. Maddie has been sharing about her decision to follow Christ with her friends. To one friend she said “**I didn’t think following Jesus would change my whole life, but it has!**”

Please join us in praying for Maddie and all of the others who have come to Christ this year in the Middle East and around the world. Our one-year teams have returned to the US for the summer. Many are raising support to go back for another year. Please pray for them as well as all of the new missionaries raising support this summer to depart in the fall. Thank you!



Maddie (left) and Allie (right)



Allie’s teammate/roommate Michelle (left) and Maddie (right)

