

# A Special Letter

December 2025

## From the Joneses

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

While walking out of the Bible study I (Heather) help lead at our local high school, a student named DJ asked a newcomer, Abed, if he would like to come to youth group some Wednesday night. Abed looked hesitant, so I asked if he attended church somewhere. **"I am Muslim,"** Abed replied, **"it would not go well for me to attend church."** "Do your parents know you're investigating Christianity?" I asked. "No." Earlier in the Bible study, I had asked how Jesus had impacted your own life. To my surprise, Abed responded first, **"When I read the Quran, it doesn't make sense, but when I read Christianity, it makes sense."**



Last year I met a sweet girl named Selena who confided in me, **"My whole family is Buddhist, and I don't want to be Buddhist."** She showed up again this fall. I gave her an enthusiastic hug, excited to see her. During study she casually mentioned reading something on her Bible app. I asked her afterward if she was following Jesus now? **"I'm trying to,"** she replied. Thank you, Lord!



Throughout the fall, we've averaged 25 students a week. Some visit once and don't come back. Last week we had six new students. One of them mentioned seeing God help him when he was having trouble in relationships. They grabbed donuts, sat quietly, and listened. Lord, draw them close!

There really is no other way to describe it other than to say God is on the move. He is clearly at work and drawing students to himself. I'm just trying to be faithful and am thrilled to have a front-row seat to watch it happen. At almost 25 years in ministry, we never get tired of seeing how God works locally and around the world in both big ways and small. **We are immensely grateful for the part you play alongside us and to keep us going!**

As you know, year-end giving is an important part of our support. We have been especially affected by inflation and some unexpected bills. We are also in need of a new vehicle. As we approach the end of 2025 we are asking the Lord for \$30,000. **Would you prayerfully consider a gift of \$1000, \$500, \$250, or some other amount toward our year-end goal?**

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*Wishing you grace, peace,  
and joy this year end!  
With Jesus' Love,  
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