

Maloy Ministry Moments

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With her husband's failing eyesight, it was up to Sara* to work to support their three young children. As a Syrian refugee, she didn't have many options, and some of their family's basic needs were left unmet.

One day, some ladies from one of our partner churches met her. They began visiting her regularly, and bringing clothes, meals and...prayers. As they met, they would share stories from the Bible with her. For three years this continued! Sara noticed how these women loved her in a completely different way than the adherents of her own religion & community. The "church ladies" never asked her for anything in return; they gave of their time and resources gladly and freely. She began to understand that the source of their love was the Bible—the same Bible which she grew up believing was completely wrong. One day, she went to church with the ladies and was surprised at the welcome she found there. No one stared at her hijab (veil) or asked "why are you here?" as she feared. The pastor made it a personal point to meet her and invite her to come back.

Soon after, she had a dream. In it, she was walking with one of her Christian friends until they came to a fork in the road. One road led to a pizza, her favorite food (she chuckled as she explained this part!), and on the other (more dangerous) looking path was her friend. She wanted to go with her friend more than toward the pizza even though a crowd of people appeared begging her to take the "pizza" path. She chose to go with her friend, and as she neared the end of the path, a light grew and grew. There, she saw Jesus, and behind Him, a lush green paradise. He said to her, "now you are in my life" and he showed her his hands, where her name was written. When she awoke, she felt herself to be a new person and that all she wanted in life was Jesus!

It has been almost 2 years since Sara trusted Christ, and almost a year since she made a very public profession of her faith by getting baptized! Her family has seen such a positive change in her life that her husband allows her to continue to attend the church, but so far he has wanted her to leave him and their three children alone regarding spiritual matters. Please pray for Sara's continued growth in Christian maturity and that her patient, Christ-like love would one day soon win her family to Jesus! *name changed for security

Photos: I was privileged to meet Sara in person last week in her church home! We recently volunteered in the Unto Orlando warehouse with our homeschool group...Chloe "helped" us repair & package A LOT of shoes!



Prayer Requests:

Shannon is leading the Unto Women's Health trip to Cuba in January. Please pray for the dates, flights, and visas to come together on a short time frame, and for many non-believers to attend our workshops.

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