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## Faouzi ibin Hussein, ibin Mahmoud, ibin Muhammad Arzouni: An Amazing Life of Sovereign Grace

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In late 1968, a French teenage girl, a recent attendee of Evangel Temple in Dakar, Senegal, stood at our front door. “Hello, Pastor” she said. Then, pointing to the Lebanese young man with her, she said, “This is my friend Faouzi. He would like to talk with you a bit. Is that okay?”

Little did I know that my casual, “Sure, come on in!” would mark our involvement in a divinely orchestrated saga—the salvation, calling, and ministry of Faouzi Hussein Arzouni.\*

Faouzi was from a well-known Muslim family in the city, was a student at Dakar University, and was deeply disillusioned with his inherited religion. His heart yearnings for Allah’s *Baraka* (blessings) were left unsatisfied by Islam’s rituals and rules. Flirtations with Catholicism were equally disappointing. He had concluded that belief in God was illogical—merely a figment of the imagination. He now called himself an atheist. So we talked about religion, philosophy, and the scientific method, but I remember concluding our hours-long conversation by saying, “The Bible says that God is knowable only by faith, a trusting belief that steps beyond

human reason. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) simply says, ‘Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.’”

Faouzi left, closing our front door loudly. I wondered if I would see him again. Back in his room, he began thumbing through the Bible the French girl had given him, when his eyes fell on Psalm 14:1: “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’” It was as if God was saying, “Faouzi, that’s you!”

Weeks later, he sat near the back of the church listening intently. Veteran missionary John Hall preached a simple gospel message. At the invitation, Faouzi knelt at the altar and became a new creature in Christ. From the outset, his journey of faith was marked by a ravenous appetite for the truth of God’s Word as well as virulent opposition.

Faouzi had become an *infidel*. Expelled from his house, he took refuge as a student at the Senegal Bible Institute, led by John Hall. He and his wife became mentors and surrogate

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# Until All Have Heard

*How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? – Romans 10:14*

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Sharing the testimony of our conversion experience is one of the most powerful ways we can touch the spiritually lost. In Acts 9, we read of the Apostle Paul’s powerful conversion experience on the road to Damascus. Through the centuries, the power of Paul’s testimony has convinced an untold number of people to follow Jesus.

In this edition of the *Intercede*, you will read of how the power of the gospel transformed a young Muslim man into a great witness for Christ. Faouzi Arzouni’s life and testimony have lead untold numbers of Muslims to faith in Jesus. Three former directors of Global Initiative, as well as the director of the Islamic Institute at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary offer brief remembrances of Faouzi:

- “Faouzi was one of kind. Once he found Jesus, there was no looking back. He had a life-long commitment to



share the gospel with Muslims throughout the world—and he did it with all his might. He possessed teaching and communication skills that only the Lord could give.” Jim Bennett



- “The first time I met Faouzi Arzouni was during a missions convention in 1992. His smile was warm, his zeal great, and his heart genuine. Faouzi’s passion for people, especially Muslims, woke him in the morning and, at the end of each day, filled him with anticipation for what the next day would hold.” Mark Hausfeld
- “Faouzi was a brilliant example of a life transformed by Jesus. He was a warm-hearted and thoughtful friend to me. He was a gifted teacher of cross-cultural communications and a blessing to all who knew him.” Ron Peck
- “Faouzi was an innovator. He had what I call an “entrepreneurial” anointing. He often shared new ideas on how to accomplish the work of God. Faouzi taught many times at the Institute of Islamic Studies and was a favorite professor, and especially loved by former Muslims who were now missionaries. His Muslim background gave insights in winning and discipling Muslims that were unparalleled. He was loved and is keenly missed.” R. Michael Langford

May all who come behind us find us faithfully sharing our testimony so as to do our part in reaching the lost!

parents to Faouzi during dark days of persecution from family and the Muslim community. When verbal attacks, social pressure, and business promises in Lebanon failed to dissuade him, serious threats ensued. Refuge in another country, 600 miles from Dakar, seemed the wisest recourse.

### God's Plan Unfolds

During his months-long exile with colleague missionaries, Faouzi was baptized in the Holy Spirit and called to serve Christ in ministry. God was confirming His word: "In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

In early 1969, he appeared again at our front door! My first words were, "Faouzi, aren't you in danger?"

"Not really, my family has disowned me so I'm considered dead. But I came to tell you that God has called me to serve Him and has spoken to me to attend Bethany Bible College in the United States. So, I need to get ready."

"Where did you hear about Bethany?"

"I read about it in a *Pentecostal Evangel* in the missionaries' home."

"What did God say about the money you'll need for an air ticket and fees at Bethany?"

"He didn't say anything about that. But you did."

"I did?"

"Yes, you preached that if God calls us, He will provide what we need to fulfill His calling."

I heard no heavenly voices that day, but I sensed deep in my spirit that God had sovereignly laid His hand on this young man and that my wife, Virginia, and I, were to walk with him toward His purposes.

"Well, we're due to return to the States soon and we will live next door to Bethany. You can travel with us but we had better start praying. We need some miracles."

We began to check them off one by one!

### God's Unlikely Provision

Acceptance at Bethany came first, contingent on a number of other things. Airfare and funds for Faouzi's first semester at Bethany topped the list. Both were provided by a generous Jewish Background Believer. He candidly said, "Oh, I experienced the same kind of opposition when I believed in Christ. So shouldn't I help my young Muslim brother?"

Then, he received a student visa! The U.S. Embassy informed us that an American sponsor was required, someone willing to be legally responsible for the actions and any unpaid debts the applicant might incur. But, who? I contacted my frugal, conservative father in St. Louis and explained the situation. To my surprise, he quickly said, "Let me pray and look into it." Several days later, he agreed to be Faouzi's sponsor, and began filling out forms and paying fees to the U.S. State Department.

With sponsorship documents in hand, I mentioned to Faouzi that a background-check by the Embassy seemed to be all that remained. His face clouded over as he said, "That could be a problem. I do have a record." We had come this far by prayer and God's provision. So, again we prayed! And a few days later, his student visa was granted. Long before Faouzi's conversion, family members had arranged for his record to be expunged to preserve the family's good name. The sovereign God had evidently chosen to use this arrangement for "the good" of His "called" servant.

In July 1969, our family and Faouzi landed in New York City, purchased a car, and started across the United States. Then 21, Faouzi was obliged to share the back seat with our squirrely 4-year old twins. Virginia, watching Faouzi try to cope with their incessant squirming and invasion of his space, repeatedly said, "Remember, this is a free ride."

When we stopped in St. Louis to visit my parents and our home church, Faouzi shared a room with my 19-year-old brother. Ed was adrift spiritually, yet he and Faouzi hit it off. Faouzi gave Ed a silver friendship bracelet, a practice common in Senegal, which he has proudly worn for years. After Faouzi's testimony on Sunday evening, Ed came to the altar to renew his vows to the Lord. He returned to Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, where he met and married his wife, Sonja. For decades they have served Christ as children's evangelists and pastors, Kids' TV program creators, and missionary trainers in the U.S. and Africa.

Later, I asked my father about his uncharacteristic willingness to sponsor Faouzi. "I sensed in my spirit that God was in it," he said. "And I experienced firsthand God's promise about giving: 'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.' (Luke 6:38). We gave very little, but God gave back much more—our son. I am so grateful."

### College and Courtship

English was Faouzi's sixth language, with Lebanese Arabic, Wolof, French, Malinke, learned while in exile, and later, Bambara-Dioula. However, his keen mind and the rigors of Senegal's French educational system had prepared him

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well for his studies at Bethany. The habits of Islam, prayers five times daily, fasting, plus his dependence on God for survival as a new believer and his Spirit-born appetite for God's Word, prepared him to embrace the Christian disciplines of prayer, devotion, hearing God's voice, and faithful service.

During our weekend travels to churches for missions services, he relished the opportunity to share insights he had received during the past week—garnered in class, in chapel services, as he prayed and interacted with other students, or from study of Scripture. God continued to speak to him specifically, just as He had in Senegal and during exile in Mali.

During a Spiritual Emphasis week, God revealed to Faouzi that the widely known speaker was living immorally. Faouzi asked to talk privately with the man. The speaker rejected his words and condemned him for attacking "God's anointed." A few months later, the speaker's compromised life was fully revealed and church leaders removed him from ministry.

His first semester completed, Faouzi had no funds for the next semester. God spoke to him to ask a local church for permission to use a room so he could fast and pray. After three days, a lady came to the church saying the Lord had led her to bring a check for someone who needed it. The check was the very amount of Faouzi's school bill!

Enter beautiful, blond, Linda Faye Tilus into Faouzi's life. He said with a grin that God had spoken to him that Linda was to be his wife. Really? By this time, I had learned to believe him. When he told Linda what he had heard from God, her response was, "Well, He didn't say anything like that to me." Undeterred, whenever Faouzi saw Linda on campus or in the Student Center with a male student, he would announce to him, "God has given this girl to me. So let her be." Initially, she was hardly pleased!

But Linda also had a heart for God, rooted in her own experience with Him and nurtured by godly parents. Her father, Reino Tilus, son of Finnish immigrant homesteader-ranchers near Buffalo, South Dakota, met Christ during a revival in Buffalo's log-cabin church, the Gospel Tabernacle. Bonnie Wheaton, the enthusiastic red-haired evangelist, later became the love of Reino's life. Both products of Pentecostal visitation, they served the Lord as pioneer pastors and educators in South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and California. Reino now served as a Professor at Bethany. Although Faouzi's courtship-style was anything but usual, Linda began to prayerfully consider his declaration. They began to date. Their relationship grew to love and engagement.

In 1970, Bethany's President, C. C. Burnett, called me and said, "A jeweler in Santa Cruz tells me your friend Faouzi is

buying an expensive ring. They want to know if he's good for it?" Remembering my father's "sponsorship," I replied, "It'll be covered. Faouzi tells me this relationship is God's doing and I've learned by experience to believe him."

However, Dr. Burnett wisely counseled Faouzi and Linda: "This is your first year of studies. Put your engagement on hold for a year and reevaluate things then." Faouzi submitted to his wisdom and returned the ring. The following year, 1971, he and Linda were married; they completed their programs and graduated together in 1973.

### **Ministry in the United States**

Where to for ministry? Were any churches looking for a pastoral couple with their background—a Lebanese-Arab, Muslim Background Believer (MBB) and his Finnish-American wife with deep pioneer roots in South Dakota? They asked Northern California District leaders, "Is there a church we can serve—perhaps one for which you can't find a pastor?" They responded, "Well, we're on the verge of closing a church way up north. You might want to consider it." Faouzi and Linda immediately accepted the offer to go to Weaverville, California. Then they went home to find it on a map.

When they entered Weaverville's Mountain Chapel for the first time, a bulletin board caught their attention. On it hung a single Missionary Support Certificate with a photo of the Corbins, missionaries to Senegal. Faouzi later told us, "When I saw your photo, I almost fell to the ground in awe. The church supported missionaries who helped bring me to Christ." The two remaining families at Mountain Chapel had continued their support, never imagining that God would bring to them a pastor from Senegal, West Africa.

Linda found employment as a teacher's aide in the local high school and the Arzounis went to work. Faouzi's relational skills and anointed ministry as a teacher-preacher of God's Word developed phenomenally and the church grew. Two years later (1975), they invited me to speak for their Missions Convention. The church was full. They still supported the Corbins, but the bulletin board was now adorned with many Missionary Support Certificates. Our sovereign Lord had once again displayed His faithfulness: "Give and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38).

### **Ministry in Africa and Beyond**

The Arzounis were appointed as Assemblies of God missionaries in late 1976, hoping to go to Mali where Faouzi had taken refuge and been called into the ministry. However, when mission leaders felt this was not God's time to send missionaries to Mali, they were asked to locate to neighboring Ivory Coast. After French studies in Paris for Linda, they arrived in Ivory Coast in 1978, with 2-year old son Nathan-

iel (Nathan) in tow, and Linda eight months pregnant with daughter Tamara (Tami). For the next sixteen years, they evangelized, planted new congregations, built churches, school and Bible School facilities, trained hundreds of pastors in God's Word and ministry. They saw the Ivory Coast church double every four years to become the country's largest, most influential Protestant denomination.

Obligated to show identity documents everywhere in Ivory Coast and when crossing borders, Faouzi was often detained because of his recognizable Islamic name. Thus, he legally changed his name to David F. Arzouni. In 1992, he and Linda moved to Mali, the land of their first calling!

Unlike tropical, green Ivory Coast, Mali was hot, impoverished, and home to tribal conflicts, terrorism, and militant Islam. There were few believers and only two churches, but they were convinced of God's calling and trusted in His promise: "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Matt. 16:18). They threw themselves into their work, primarily via biblical and leadership training programs. Linda established lay-training ministries in local churches using Global University's correspondence courses and oversaw translation of materials into Bambara, Mali's principal language. David led the Pastors' Training School, preached in courtyards and marketplaces, planted churches, built buildings, dug wells, developed a prefab building program responsible for more than twenty church and school structures. The result? The number of churches grew to ninety, including one in the legendary Islamic city of Timbuktu.

Ever seeking creative ways to reach the unreached, especially Muslims, the Arzounis' last seven years in Mali were uniquely effective. Linda's reputation as a language teacher created open doors to teach English to Malian doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and university students. Concurrently, David experimented with an agricultural project in a large Malian village. Tailored to provide training in crop development, income to workers and the village, as a whole, it also provided a platform for evangelism.

Every morning, David led the field workers in prayer and devotions based on the stories and miracles of Scripture and the testimonies of present-day African believers. In time, twenty-two young men believed in Christ and were baptized. Today, a resident Live-Dead Mission Team continues the work in that village in West Africa—building relationships, while also working with the church and its wellness center.

David's experience as a Muslim Background Believer (MBB), his insight into Scripture and its life-related applications, especially in Islamic contexts, coupled with humor and anointed communicational skills, made his preaching

and teaching transformational. Invitations took him around the world—the Philippines, France, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Togo, Israel, Romania, Indonesia, and the U.S.

A frequent theme of his messages was *Baraka* (God's blessing), so wanting in religion but freely available in Christ. He wrote about it in a 1994 edition of the *Intercede*:

"Islamic *Baraka* is illusive and short-lived. For the average Muslim, the fears, the longing for a good conscience, the thirst for lasting peace, the silent cry for help in time of need none of these can be appeased by adherence to orthodox Islam. Neither (does it) deliver a person from evil or heal a person's body or soul. If that were so, Muslims would constantly return to *Baraka* peddlers and special practices in times of crisis. If a Muslim believer becomes aware of this, if the futility...finally dawns ever so slightly in his mind, it saps him of all hope and causes decay in his soul.

This is what happened to me. It led me to question everything. And it drove me to an explainable despair. Then came the day when someone told me I needed to be born again. It was only when that occurred that I found deliverance and lasting peace with God through the gospel of Christ. Now, so have members of the Arzouni family.

But who will tell the struggling multitudes of Muslims that the answer they are seeking is found only in Christ? Who will take the time to *know* and talk *with* them not *to* them—about their needs and fears? Who will tell them where true *Baraka* is found?"

His presentations and writings focused on his never forgotten spiritual lostness before meeting Christ and His desire to help God's servants understand how to reach Muslims with Christ's salvation. One of his last projects, completed shortly before his passing, was a Bible School textbook for reaching Muslims. It will be translated into multiple languages and perpetuate David's ministry around the world.

Faouzi's life and ministry had a powerful impact in the Eleventh Hour Institutes, Missions Conferences held all across Africa during its Decade of Harvest (1990-2000). He taught us how to reach Muslims and all people groups.

Only eternity will reveal the multiplied hundreds, even thousands, who have come to Christ directly under the Arzounis' ministry and indirectly through the ministry of the many they won and trained, and the many individuals those believers have won and trained, and many ... ad infinitum!

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### A “Household” of Faith

Passages about family, like “Choose life, so that you and your children may live” (Deut. 30:19) and “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved—you and your household” (Acts 16:31), were real and personal for David. He had chosen life and had believed, but what of his “household?”

Culturally, “household” meant much more for him than a nuclear family of four. It included his father, who was the assistant to the leading Imam of the Shiite Mosque of Dakar, his mother in Lebanon, plus his siblings, many uncles, aunts, and cousins. He believed the sovereign Lord who had saved him could bring them to himself as well, but he understood that he had a role to play in the process. David and Linda added hard work to their prayers. By love, costly visits back to Senegal and Lebanon, required eldest-son-gifts to his father (in spite of disinheritance), a consistent God-centered lifestyle, and an exemplary Christian marriage and family life, they sought to bring his “household” to faith. That process required intercession, perseverance, and financial sacrifice over the course of many years.

### One by One

Two brothers, Farid and Fouad, came to Christ first. Then, two younger sisters, Nadia and Rada, followed. David and Linda would eventually bring them to the U.S. They also brought David’s father repeatedly to California for visits. After thirty-six years of prayer and living witness, Hussein Arzouni placed his faith in Christ shortly before his death. Their son, Nathan, and wife, Marie, are Assemblies of God missionaries in Eurasia. Their daughter, Tamara (Tami), and husband, Leroy Martinez, serve with a Live-Dead Team in West Africa. David’s sister, Nadia, attended Bethany. Her roommate? That squirrely 4-year-old girl Faouzi put up with from New York City to California. Nadia and her husband, David Johansen, are missionaries in Eurasia.

Fouad (Peter) and his wife, Ellen, faithful laypeople in California, served as short-term missionaries in Ivory Coast. Their daughter, Mandy, who was born in Ivory Coast, and her husband, Joel Corbin (the son of Faouzi’s traveling companion across the USA in 1969) also serve in West Africa. Like a pebble thrown into a pond, the ripples of faith reach ever outward! Have all of David’s family members come to Christ? David would doubtless say without hesitation, “Not yet! But God isn’t finished with my household!”

### Journey’s End

As retirement years approached, David and Linda moved from California to Rapid City, South Dakota. Linda’s many family members, who had welcomed David as one of their own, became their circle of friendship and support. Their embrace was a constant reminder to David of the Savior’s open arms when he came to Him in Dakar, Senegal, lost in

sin and enchaining religion. The wide-open spaces of the Dakotas spoke daily to David of the unlimited vistas of the mercy, grace, and truth he had found in Christ.

After struggling with Multiple Myeloma, David entered heaven on January 1, 2022. His remains lie next to the graves of Reino and Bonnie Tilus in the Cave Hills Cemetery overlooking Buffalo, but the inspiring influence of his life of passion to reach the lost, especially those he called “the first victims of Islam,” continues on and on! David wrote a last letter to be read at his funeral. Could anyone describe better his pilgrimage from Dakar to the Dakotas than David himself?

I have a story. True, everybody does. And every story is unique. Still I am compelled to tell you mine ... or at least let you see its exotic side.

Had you been in our Lebanese Muslim home on the day that I was born in Dakar, Senegal, you would have learned that Faouzi ibin Hussein, ibin Mahmoud, ibin Muhammad, had seen the light of day. Think of it—a male child, born in Islam! How does someone like that end up being buried in the magnificent Cave Hills of Buffalo, South Dakota?

The answer is simple. Through circumstances and personal choices too elaborate to expound here, my existence was reduced to a single word: LOST. Yes, I was lost. But then I was found by the One who “came to seek and find the lost.” He rescued me from my sinful and hopeless self and “set my feet on a Rock to stay.” That’s the path of utter grace that gets a Muslim boy buried among loving Christians in South Dakota!

So, as the old hymn says, “This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long!” This is a story of extraordinary care bestowed on me from the hands of Linda, Nathaniel, and Tamara. This is a story of mercy extended to me through the loving welcome of the Finnish family that adopted me. This is the story of a former failure transformed into a David of God.

Love made a way for Faouzi ibin Hussein, ibin Mahmoud, ibin Muhammad, for with Christ nothing is impossible! He will make a way for you. Pretty nifty, don’t you think?

### Conclusion

The testimonies and examples of Faouzi and Linda have enriched the lives of the Corbin and Spain families, as well as countless numbers of believers in Africa and far beyond! We were blessed to see many follow Christ during our years as missionaries. However, if Faouzi had been the only one, he would have been reward enough!



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**Friday, January 6, 2023. Please pray for**

...*Holy Spirit conviction to rest on Barham*, an Afghan Muslim who presently resides in Germany and attends a “seekers” meeting. He is very close to a decision, but is afraid of family resistance.

...*wide distribution of Scripture-based storytelling projects in Pulaar*, the main language of the 1.9 million Fulakunda people. A vast cluster of these people live in central and western Africa. 99% of the Fulakunda are Muslim.

...*wisdom for Christian workers who are ministering to Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina*. Many young Muslims are expressing strong interest in the gospel. Of Bosnia-Herzegovina’s 3.2 million people, 50% are Muslim.

**Friday, January 13, 2023. Please pray for**

...*more skilled workers to join animation teams in the Middle East* who are producing gospel programs for various social media formats; primarily geared toward Arabic-speaking Muslims.

...*healing for Hamad*, pastor of a Somali fellowship in Kenya. He is recovering after Muslims beat him for leaving Islam.

...*Brother Ramzin in a 98% Muslim country in North Africa*. He says, “Thirsty Muslims are coming to our house churches. Hundreds have received Jesus in the last few years. Our vision is to open six more house churches in 2023.”

**Friday, January 20, 2023. Please pray for**

...*discipleship training efforts for new believers* in a northern province of Iran. A leader reports, “The Spirit of God is moving here. More than 400 Muslims repented and were baptized in the past few months.”

...*calm to return to Central Java, Indonesia*. Following a disrupted worship service, Islamic officials forced a church’s pastor to cease further activities and shut down the church. Of Central Java’s population of 24 million, 80% are Muslim.

...*Brother Saint, who pastors a church in a major city of Nigeria*. He says, “In spite of opposition, Muslims are coming to the Lord. For some, it has cost them their lives. Pray that we can encourage the newcomers in the Lord.”

**Friday, January 27, 2023. Please pray for**

...*Fatima and Sheikh Ahmed in Uganda*. For two years, Fatima was unable to easily swallow food. Christians prayed for her and she was immediately able to eat. As a result of the healing, the couple left Islam and embraced Jesus as Savior.

...*expatriate Christian nurses working in Arabian Gulf hospitals*. One says, “Hospitals are the best places to talk about Jesus the Healer. The hospitals need us badly; therefore, we feel more freedom to tell Muslim patients the truth about Jesus.”

...*protection from irate family members* for Hamouda and Nada in Sudan, both converts from Islam. Nada’s brother claims her marriage was not according to *sharia* principles; thus, she must die by stoning.

*I urge, then, first of all that requests, prayers, intercession and  
thanksgiving be made for everyone. – 1 Timothy 2:1, NIV*



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## **Friday, February 3, 2023. Please pray for**

*...the success of gospel tracts distributed in restricted access Muslim countries. Omar says, "In my village there are no Christians. I read a tract that was left on the bus. Later, I was led to Jesus by a pastor in another village."*

*...workers sharing the gospel with the Mwani people group of Mozambique. The 161,000 Mwanis are 99% Muslim.*

*...safety for Ali and Selma in North Africa. Ali relates, "A man in the bus was viewing the Jesus film in Arabic on his laptop. My wife and I secretly watched. The man gave us a copy and we are convinced to become followers of Jesus."*

## **Friday, February 10, 2023. Please pray for**

*...the ministry of Pastor Ra'ad in Iraq. He relates, "An important advantage in working with Muslims is that when a member of the family comes to Christ, the rest of the family often follows. Fifty Muslims, representing 6 families, have recently become Christians."*

*...house cell group meetings for women in Iran. One network has sixty groups. Nejwa, a leader, says, "Women who are fed up with the rules of Islam flock to these meetings. God's presence is real and miracles of salvation happen all the time."*

*...spiritual growth for Zohra in Egypt. She says, "In a store, I saw a woman with a cross on her neck. I boldly asked her for a Bible. She went to her car and retrieved an Arabic Bible for me. I am now a Christian."*

## **Friday, February 17, 2023. Please pray for**

*...victory over religious and governmental strongholds that keep Turks from accessing the truth about Jesus. Of Turkey's population of 85 million, 96% are Muslim.*

*...God's blessing on Christian outreaches to the 1 million Syrian and tens of thousands of Iraqi refugees in Lebanon. Pastor "T" has established a school for mostly Muslim refugee children who receive daily instruction and meals.*

*...spiritual growth in the lives of Palestinian Muslims throughout the West Bank who have left Islam to become "Isa" (Jesus) followers. Every summer, hundreds of Muslim children and teenagers attend "Isa" (Jesus) camps.*

## **Friday, February 24, 2023. Please pray for**

*...legal freedom for Morteza and Ayoub, both converts from Islam, in Rasht, Iran. Sentenced to five years in prison for "engaging in propaganda," they are now released on bail and await an appeal to their sentences.*

*...boldness and wisdom for Christians to engage Afghan Muslims who have settled in America.*

*...the Holy Spirit to draw the hearts of Saudi Arabian Muslims to the truth about Jesus through dreams, visions, and the love of Christian believers. Of Saudi's population of 36 million, 92% are Muslims.*

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