

Consumed by Fears

Report by Impact Middle East's Leader in Israel

She had prayed to God for children. After being married for five years, she had her first child. Two more followed. She was happy and her family lived a typical life in a Palestinian town east of Bethlehem.

"But slowly," she said, "I started to have frightening thoughts and images. I believed in God, but Satan started to attack me through my thoughts about my children. Maybe someone would kill them. Maybe a soldier would shoot them. Maybe they would have a car accident." She was occupied with such thoughts continually. She suffered from this condition for many years. As her children grew, her negative thoughts intensified. She could not sleep well during the night. She developed a chronic sleep disorder.

When her children reached college age, she could no longer handle her fears. She shared her feelings, thoughts, and images with M, one of IME's leaders in Israel. M prayed about the situation, then asked the woman to join her in fasting for two days. They spent the two days praying and singing praises to the Lord Jesus. On the third day, M sprinkled the woman and her house with water she had prayed over. M prayed with this woman once more and read from the Bible. She told her to trust Jesus with her life and the lives of her children and husband. That same night the woman slept well for the first time in years.

Now M is conducting a Bible study at this woman's house. Praise the Lord!