

Finding the True Faith

Testimony of our Christian brother in the Middle East

Our life before knowing Jesus was full of fear. We were restless and unable to face life and its difficulties.

I worked at a refinery in our hometown. Because I was not a Muslim, I was persecuted. I was kidnapped and threatened to never go back to work. We moved to a different town so I could find employment. On August 6, 2016, we were forced out of that town by ISIS. We fled to a safer place. All this left a tragic impact on our lives, circumstances, and health.

At our new location, we began to attend a Free Methodist church. There we experienced the true faith through the praise time and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The sermons touched our hearts and helped us grow in knowledge. Many good people influenced our lives.

We experienced many miracles in our lives through fervent prayer and reading the Holy Bible. Many situations were transformed by mentioning Jesus' name. I have asked the Lord to keep His word: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." And truly many obstacles have been removed. Whenever there was tension at our home, we mentioned the name of Jesus and asked His guidance, and there was peace.

Due to the love, care and generosity of the local Free Methodist church, we are in a much better situation. The pastor is following up with us. We are committed to the church, and I am a church board member, in charge of distribution to refugees.

*One of IME's partner churches in Amman, Jordan, uses the limited resources it has and receives to faithfully serve over 50,000 refugees. One of the church's leaders recently shared this report of work with **refugee camps on the border between Syria and Jordan.***

In March we began an outreach to refugee camps that have recently sprung up on the border between

Syria and Jordan. Each camp has between 25 to 100 families. We started by bringing humanitarian aid, a doctor who could do check-ups, and a kid's program. In May we expanded this to include building playgrounds for the children. So far we have completed play areas in two camps.

Needless to say, the condition of life in these camps is desperate. Our goal is that the light and love of Jesus Christ would shine through us, blessing the refugees in any way we can. We are bringing relief through medical supplies, food, clothing, special events and fun activities for the children. As these relationships grow we see a huge opportunity and open door for bringing light - to hearts that are dark with pain - as well as hope of eternal life through Jesus.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39