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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of our new Hope Community Center newsletter. This will give us the opportunity to update you on all that is happening with our ministry, so you can see how God is in the lives of those we serve. We can also make you aware of prayer requests and needs we may have as we reach out and touch the lives of the refugee community in Northern Virginia.

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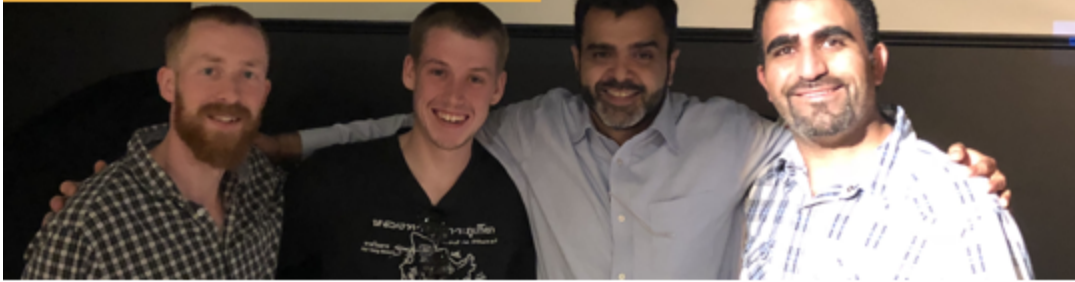
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God Works in Mysterious Ways



God is at work every day bringing people to Jesus. This past month God brought Zain, a Muslim from Pakistan into an encounter with the body of Christ. On a Wednesday morning, Zain saw a video about a child that was hurt in Syria. He started to question God. He has kids and was wondering why Muslims would hurt their own children and why God allowed this to happen. He started questioning his faith, especially since this happened during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Later that day, he saw an advertisement about a prayer meeting for Muslims at a church. Believing that Muslims and Christians pray to the same God, he decided to attend the prayer service. As we greeted him, he expressed his expectation that this would be a joint Muslim and Christian prayer service. At first, the situation was awkward as I explained that this was not a Muslim prayer time and Christians were not joining in their five times of prayer. I had to explain to him that we don't pray to the same God. Instead, Christians were praying for the Muslims around them, praying that the Muslims will know the love of Jesus. He decided to join the prayer meeting.

During this meeting, I showed a short video about the top five countries where Christians are persecuted, and Pakistan was number three on that list. I thought Zain would be mad; however, Zain was not mad, he was surprised. Zain was astounded by how we prayed for the Muslims in Pakistan to know the love of Jesus. I explained that we needed to pray for all the people that hurt the Christians because they are lost and don't know Jesus Christ. At this time, he stood up and started to explain that he was shocked that we, Christians, would pray for the people that are hurting our own brothers and sisters. He couldn't understand why we would do this. He thought we were going to curse the Muslims to go to hell, just like Muslims do toward Christians in their mosque.

I asked him if we could pray for him and for all the Muslim community and that he, Zain, would represent all of the Muslim community. We laid hands on him and prayed for him and the Muslim community. At the end of prayer, we gave Zain a Bible. Zain is searching for truth and who is the real God. He said the he is going to bring his wife and kids to church next time. Keep Zain in your prayers that Jesus will continue to reveal himself to him.

As indeed he says in Hosea,
"Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,'
and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'"
"And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are
not my people,'
there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"
Romans 9:25-26

Hope Center Ladies Meeting



God is also at work bringing the women of the Muslim community to Jesus. Hope Community Center invited women in the area to a Ladies meeting hosted by Mary and several volunteers. We were unsure how many, if any women would attend, especially since it was hosted at a Christian Church. A total of seven women attended the event, which was a great turnout for a first-time event. During the evening, they made crafts and heard a testimony from the guest speaker. Everyone had a wonderful time. Future events are being planned for the ladies, including an informational health seminar. It was a great first meeting, and we are looking forward to more opportunities to meet with the women of the community, and build relationships with them.

New Christian Refugee Family



Ayman and Mary recently met a Christian Pakistani couple with two children who have been in Virginia for two months. This couple had a ministry feeding the Christian community in Pakistan. They would provide a lunch or dinner and tell the children about Jesus. While the ministry was focused on Christian children, some Muslim children also attended. One day, Muslim leaders came and demanded to know what they were doing, because they didn't want them to tell the Muslim children about Jesus. They were grabbed and thrown to the ground face down and threatened at gunpoint to be killed in front of their children. In the midst of this chaos, God protected them and provided a way of escape, but they were separated in the process. After reuniting, they sought the help of the police and a local Bishop, but neither would help them, because they too, were fearful of being killed. As a result, the family fled to America seeking refuge. They have settled in Sterling and have visited Church, where they met a Pakistani woman who works with Ayman at Hope Community Center. Ayman and Mary visited them, bringing food, and sharing wonderful fellowship, reading the Bible and praying together. They are eager to meet together again for discipleship and prayer. This family has many needs, as they were unable to bring anything with them as they fled Pakistan. Ayman and Mary are looking at ways to meet their needs.

ESL Certification

Ayman and Mary traveled to Roanoke to participate in an English as Second Language certification course sponsored by Southern Baptist Church and North American Mission Board. Additionally, they received training on how to share the Gospel of Jesus with students as they teach the class. They both received their certificates upon completion of the course.



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Many churches have drives where you can donate items that you do not need, but may be of great help to a person in need. The refugee community has a great many needs for material items. Of particular interest is the potential benefit of used electronics.





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