

## Testimonies from the Middle East

### Testimony from Iran

Abdullah and Zahara were nominal Muslims when they invited a Christian visitor to their home. After they became friends, the Christian invited Abdullah to church, and he was profoundly touched by the experience. The following day Abdullah invited the Christian home for one last visit before the Christian's departure. "Zahara thinks I'm going to become a Christian!" Abdullah confided, and they both laughed.

Several weeks later the Christian received an e-mail from his friend in Iran. "God has been so good! He's in my heart in a brand new way, and Jesus has become real to me. More than that, Zahara is also a Christian!" He explained how he woke up one morning, troubled by a dream in which she asked why he never took her to church. Just as he was thinking of the dream, Zahara walked in and asked the same question. He burst into tears. Both now attend church, and their enthusiasm has resulted in two of Zahara's sisters becoming Christians and Bibles being distributed in their neighborhood.



### Testimony from Egypt

I was married to a difficult husband, and we had two young boys. My husband did not trust me and accused me of betraying him with other men. He would not give me money to buy food for my baby. Whenever I asked him for money, he beat me and said: "Mohammed says that if you do not obey me, I don't need to give you anything." I confronted him because he went to the mosque, prayed and fasted but still treated me so badly.

One night I dreamed about Christians finding a job for me, so I would not need to depend on my husband. I visited a church, and a few days later a woman invited me to see her. She told me: "Jesus will give you a job." She gave me a Bible and a little money and said that before the money was gone, I would find a job. She taught me to pray: "Jesus, if you really are God, give me a job." I thought nobody was listening to me, but soon afterwards a Muslim man told me: "I have a good job for you." He introduced me to a Christian family who needed someone to care for their daughter. I asked myself: "Who is this God who heard me so quickly? Who are these people?" Afterwards I bought food for my boys, went to church, and gave myself to God.