

THE DATES FOR RAMADAN

The dates for Ramadan are established according to the Islamic lunar calendar. In 2008, Ramadan will be from about September 1st through 30th. This will vary from country to country. The fasting period normally begins and ends with the sighting of the crescent moon. For more information consult the Islamic web site: www.moonsighting.com. Because of the changing nature of the Islamic year the 2008 booklet is actually our 17th edition. There have been 17 Islamic lunar years since the beginning of “30 Days” in March 1993. This is the year 1429 of the Islamic lunar calendar. (Note: The moon is not an object of worship in Islam.)



She is...

Testimony from Saudi Arabia

Her name is Noora. In her family, she is one of 10 children. She loves the same things as her other sisters in the human race. She loves fashion. She LOVES make-up, though it is covered by the burqa (face covering). She loves talking on her cell phone, hearing the voices of her favorite girl friends. She loves chatting with her friends on the internet. She likes to go to the shopping mall! She did well in high school, even better than her brothers. Her mother is proud of her. Her father wishes his oldest son would have been smarter. She loved going to university. It was certainly more difficult than high school, but Noora discovered Someone on whom she could rely. Now a graduate, she longs for a job near her city.

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She has great hopes. At 23 years of age, she longs for a man to love her. She has seen other friends married to men only to become broken-hearted as sometimes a second wife enters the household. Noora fears to become only one of her husband's several wives. Noora hopes that God will give her the right man who shares her beliefs. Her family, like the typical family, has already brought a few 'suitable' young men for her to meet. But actually

she longs for a gentleman, one full of Hope from above. She desires children, children of Faith. Her girlfriends have noticed a change in Noora. She often radiates the meaning of her name, which is light. Noora is Light to her friends and family. Sharing the Freedom and Hope she has discovered has become important to her.

The Book: Noora has a special Book which she must keep hidden. Its words convey power and strength. The Book is hidden on her MP3 player. When many others are drawn to the latest Arabic tunes, Noora LOVES to use her earphones to listen to the Words of the Book. Sometimes the Words help her through the challenges or painful moments of a day. They bring her JOY and PEACE and have taught her how to live. Noora has felt the Words touch her more deeply than she's ever been touched.

Noora wanted her cousin to taste this Bread of Life. Her cousin heard just a few of the Words. She said they were interesting, but she was afraid of them, because they were so radical. “How can I love my enemy?” she said. “No one in our tribe has ever loved his enemies.” While Noora is often alone, she feels a supernatural presence. She is... a Saudi follower of Jesus.

MP3 Bible in Arabic: <http://www.ibs.org/bibles/arabic/>

