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Subject: Weep with those who weep...

After the program of the Persian Outreach for men, I noticed "H" sitting by himself and looking sad. Usually this extroverted 15-year-old Afghani boy (who is about 6-feet tall and looks older, and who came to Greece about 3 months ago--ALONE, and is sleeping in the park), has a happy expression and is interacting with others. He saw me coming over and pulled out a chair out for me. However, rather than greeting me, he put his elbows back on the table and his head on his closed hands. His eyes were filled with tears and he was unable to speak for a long time. I tried asking a couple of questions. I made a few empathetic comments. I waited a long time in silence.

Finally, he spoke, with trembling voice and tears streaming down his face. "Why won't my family speak to me? My own mother and my own brothers will not even talk to me when I try to call them. Last night when I called, my brother answered the phone. He asked, 'How are you?' and when I answered, 'Fine' he said, 'Good-bye' and hung up. Why have they rejected me?"

After a minute or two of discussion, neither of us able to conclusively understand his family's behavior, I asked him if I could pray for him. He agreed, and I grasped his hands in mine and began to talk to the Lord about "H". As I prayed, I cried. Together we wept as I called out to the Lord for him. When we finished, he thanked me and said with a smile on his face, "OK, now let's play chess!"

Later, I noticed that he was in the Seeker's Class with Nader (and Nader told me afterward that he was extremely attentive).

The next day when I came in, he came up to me with a big smile and put his arms around me and thanked me for what I did for him the day before. I said (with emotion), "PLEASE do not thank me! I was not able to do anything for you."

He said, "You cried for me, and that was the most important thing. Nobody has ever done that before."

Please pray that all of the seeds that have been planted in recent months by the various members of our team will grab root and grow in the heart of "H", so that he may know the Father who will never reject him.

Thank you for your prayers and/or financial investments that help us share the love of Jesus with the nations.

Grateful,

Scott (and Vicki)

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