

Dear Praying Friends,

Athens RefMin team members Nader and Ella Mohajer wrote the following encouraging news! There is more to share BUT I will send some now and some later in the hopes that you will read it all.

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Dear Praying Friends,

Since November, many Afghanis have come to Helping Hands at the Athens Refugee Center (ARC). Afghanis who were living in Iran for many years have been forced to leave by the present regime.

The Afghanis overflow into the Tea House ministry three times a week and into the Persian Christian Fellowship (PCF) every Sunday. We have 50 new FAMILIES who have joined us in the last months; about half of the all the people currently coming to the ARC are from Afghanistan. They come to hear and listen to the preaching of the Word of God at the PCF. Some of them cannot stand to hear that Jesus is the Son of God, some of them become interested to get more information after hearing the preaching, some are seeking for the truth, some are coming only for food after the fellowship or to see their fellow Afghanis, and the Lord opens some of their hearts to Him and His changing power.

In amazing ways, God used "S", the Afghan young man who was deported recently from England. In God's perfect timing, he arrived in Greece last fall when so many new Afghanis were coming into the country. Our teammate, Themis, met and ministered to him at Tea House, then gave him the New Believer's Bible Study material to answer the questions in Farsi. In only a week he finished and answered accurately the questions all by himself. We saw that he was very interested to find answers to all the questions he had about Christianity, and he quickly grasped the truth.

He is staying in a small apartment with many other Afghans. Some of them spoke against him and threatened him because of his faith, but he was not discouraged by their attitude. He just kept sharing his testimony of how he came to know the truth and, one by one, he brought them to the Seekers Class where they could study the Word and discuss their questions with Nader. There were five of them with "S" who are all now attending the PCF, and "S" is now active in service to the Lord.

"R" is an Afghan young man who, with his brother, have both been attending the PCF for some time. While watching the "Jesus Film" one Tuesday in Helping Hands, he asked my teammate Themis (through "S" the Afghan new believer) a question.

He asked, "The Koran says that Moses is the word of God, Jesus is the Spirit of God, and Mohammad is the prophet of God. How come the prophet of God is greater than the Spirit of God? Impossible! That the prophet is greater than the Spirit of God?!" He came to understand that something in the Koran does not agree with the truth.

He stayed until late in the afternoon to know more information but because I did not have much time and I needed to go print our evangelistic magazine, I asked Peshraw (our Kurdish believer) to continue evangelizing him and answer his questions. Finally, he prayed with him to receive Jesus!

Thank you for always standing with us in prayer.

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