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We are so blessed to be used by God to help send out new missionaries with Cru and to hear their stories as well as those from people who were sent out years ago!

Here's what happened with a young staff member we will call "Amy" to protect her security. She has been serving in North Africa and the Middle East. Other names in the story have also been changed.



Amy is on staff with Cru from the U.S. and has served overseas for nine years. She spent last year searching the Middle East for places to launch new student movements. "I have never encountered openness like this," says Amy. In her exploratory visits to nations where believers in Jesus are scarce, Amy did meet a small number of Christians.

Among them is "Kalilah," who came to Christ through a radio ministry broadcast in her country. She had listened to biblical teaching on the radio for a year before coming to faith. Kalilah introduced Amy to "Yazmine," who became a Christian in high school through a believer she met online.

Another student, "Tanya," told Amy that she had tried reading the Bible in English when she couldn't find an Arabic copy. From behind her veil, Tanya confided, "When I read from the Bible, I feel peace in my heart. No one has ever been able to tell me what the difference is between my faith and the message of the Bible. But I want to know!"

Amy showed Tanya a Bible app with an Arabic translation. Tanya wants to continue meeting with Amy to learn more. And quite recently a believing student on one of these new campuses led another student to Christ.

Now there are two new campus movements that were established in countries where our regional staff have never previously had a ministry presence. These countries have no indigenous churches, not even underground ones. Our staff know of fewer than 100 local Christians in those countries. Yet God is at work!

We rejoice with you that God is blessing the missionaries we are sending, and they are helping people know the joy and peace that comes from following Jesus! Rochelle and I are so grateful for you and your belief with us that God will work to send out new laborers into His growing harvest around the world. Your faith, prayers and gifts make a critical contribution to the work God does as we recruit and prepare more missionaries to step out into strategic areas of the world, as well as here in the U.S., reaching the next generation for Christ.

As 2020 draws near, would you prayerfully consider a special year end gift for our ministry of sending Cru staff to the world? Your gift this year will enable us to continue sending out new missionaries to help launch new spiritual movements! We're asking God to provide \$18,000 for additional ministry expenses.

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If the Lord leads you to give to our ministry, please contribute online from your bank account directly at <http://give.cru.org/0257817>. Then please email us so we know of your gift and let us know how we can pray for you and your family. We love hearing from you!

We thank God for you as you partner with us to reach the world for Christ! Your prayers bless us as we minister to staff and students and your generous gifts are a real encouragement. We wish you a joyful season as we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior. May God bless you and your family this year!