



Over the holidays, we found ourselves reflecting on a story we recently heard. It was about a young lady who always seemed to be intensely searching for something she lost long ago. Upon seeing her time and energy wasted by fixating on the past, a wise old sage offered up some advice: “What you are searching for lies not in your past, but in your future.” By looking into the past, it kept her focus off of the future **where her full potential was yet to be**.

Paul, speaking in chapter 3 of Philippians says, “ ... but one thing *I do*, forgetting *those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead*, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” With the beginning of a new year upon us, we want to encourage you to do just that -- forget those things which are behind and keep your focus where you are ***yet to go***, what you are ***yet to do***, and what you are ***yet to be***. God has wonderful thoughts and plans for you, and He says that if you would only ask, you will receive, if you seek, you will find, and if you would only dare to knock, a door will be opened for you.

We are so thankful that God continues to bless us richly each and every day as we continue to move **project 142** forward with expectation. The generous outpouring of your support allows us to forge ahead with excitement as our flight date in July 2016 moves closer and closer.

If our ministry to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Muslim people -- to cast a blazing light into the darkest places -- is on your heart and mind, please give careful thought to partnering with us by monthly financial support or even a one-time gift. We are and always will be thankful that you are standing with us in fulfilling the Great Commission to go unto all the world!

Happy New Year!

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