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Imagine this...

Unidentified to the others around him, a Christian missionary is sitting among the dozens of Muslims on



a hot, crowded bus somewhere in the desert of the Middle East. With no air conditioner, most of the side windows are open, allowing the hijabs of scores of Muslim women to ruffle gently in the wind. There's a slight taste of dust in the air as the call to prayer from a passing minaret echoes in the distance. With all of his senses firing, the missionary casually reaches down and turns on the small Wi-Fi hotspot he has hidden in the backpack at his feet.

Verifying the gentle blue glow of the power light on the hotspot, he glances up from his backpack and quickly over the faces of the people around him. Avoiding direct eye contact, he takes notice of the same thing he's seen in a dozen other underdeveloped countries of the world: They always have cell phones. Almost 8 billion people in the world, and 6.9 billion of them have cell phones. They may have only one change of clothing to their names, but they always seem to have a cell phone.

Mile after mile, the steady drone of the bus engine mingles with the road noise, triggering thousand-yard stares into nothingness of those fortunate enough to be sitting by the windows. With no cell phone signal and nothing else to do, people all over the bus connect to the Wi-Fi hotspot, and stream a brief, powerful movie that presents the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Arabic.

Seeds planted
Mission accomplished.



A short time ago in another desert far, far away ...

Of all the cafés, in all the villages, in all the deserts of the Middle East, what am I doing here? he briefly pondered, adjusting the flat, tattered Bedouin pad beneath him. The truth of the matter is, he knows precisely what he is doing there – risking everything for Jesus.

Echoing in his mind, he heard the words of his wife, spoken long ago as she stepped out into the harsh, desert landscape, "You can actually feel the oppression." He did. It was and still is, an oppressive and unforgiving religion, Islam.

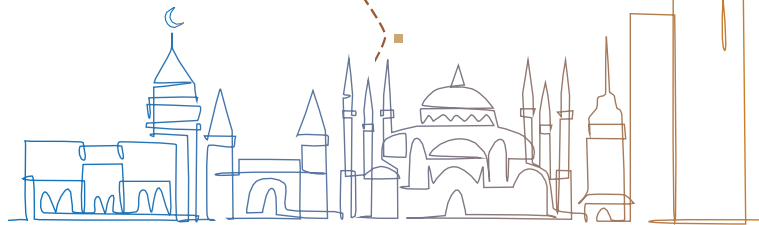
Popping one of his last remaining falafel into his mouth, he reached down into his backpack and powered on the same Wi-Fi hotspot he had used so often before. As the thin fog of apple-scented hookah smoke hung in the air, he took note of the handful of Muslim men and women, glassy-eyed and gazing vacantly down into their smartphones. Without a second thought, a few of them quickly connected to the unsecured wireless signal identified as "Café 1," a name he chose thinking they may log on more willingly.

As the Wi-Fi connections are made, a library of gospel content to choose from suddenly appears on the screen of their phones. With the light tap of a finger, videos begin to play and the gospel is presented.

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Our wireless hotspot is restricted, only allowing those who access the signal to view the content we install, and not the Internet. Our content includes: The *Audio Bible*, the Bible books of *Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; The Jesus Film* (a film used for worldwide evangelism teaching the life of Jesus); *Discipleship & Evangelism* (courseware from Andrew Wommack Ministries used to disciple and teach new believers); and two critical messages from Kurt Owen Ministries on dealing with rejection, a very real issue new and existing Christians in the Middle East face daily. All in Levantine Arabic, the dialect spoken in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey and among the Palestinian people in Israel.



There are political and spiritual forces at play that will be highly opposed to this endeavor, so while the actual plan above may be a bit vague, it's necessary for the protection of those involved. All we can ask of you is to pray and agree with us that as we go, we'll be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

This is not a new direction for Fully Known Ministries, but merely a missional aspect resurfacing that harkens back to our roots. Many of you may remember how we got our start in

2015 with Project 142, a ministry dedicated to the Muslim people within the 10/40 window of the Middle East. While domestically we remain full-steam ahead with weekly teachings such as *What-To-Do Wednesday*, various speaking engagements and Teresa on-track for an August 1, 2023, rollout of her next book, *Set Your Sights*, our passion for cross-cultural missions still burns brightly within our hearts.

If your heart was stirred while reading this, please take some time and prayerfully consider if you would become financial and encouraging prayer partners with us in support of this ministry. This is an exciting time for us as God continues to do amazing things around the world. God bless you and your family as you consider supporting God's plans for us in carrying out the Great Commission.

Here's the plan: Soon after the Islamic holy month of Ramadan wraps up toward the end of April 2023, we'll start in the north of a certain, restricted Middle Eastern country and work our way south, implementing the process described above, and also distribute micro SD memory cards to specific individuals and places along a pre-designated route. Once the mission is complete, we'll evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of what was carried out, identify the next Middle Eastern region, plan accordingly and go again.

The Bible says, "Once the commitment is clear, you do what you can, not what you can't. The heart regulates the hands" (2 Cor. 8:10-20 MSG). This is what we have in our hands, and this is what we are going to do.

All our best,

Pat + Teresa

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