

The Sillysheep Pen

Finding the lost, binding the brokenhearted



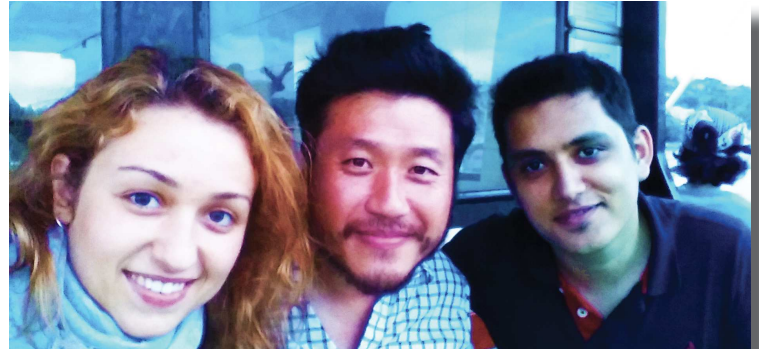
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Sāul – a Bʀeakthʀough Stōry

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Come with us to the American picnic”, invited Saul’s friends. Saul (name changed) who was an engineering student and a devout Muslim, hesitated; but with some coaxing, Saul reluctantly decided to go to the picnic. At the picnic, Saul met a small group of American college students. It was a lot of fun, but the striking thing was the love they had for one another. After making some friends with the American students, he was invited to a boat cruise on the river. The love that he experienced from his foreign friends was something he wasn’t used to. “How is it that they were so free to give away their love?” As they parted, one of his new friends gave him a gift, and to his surprise, it was the New Testament, the story of the prophet Jesus. Thinking that these foreign students must be Christians, he became suspicious of this gift.

more he experienced the community of love, the more he was drawn to Jesus, and he began to be frightened.



Joe with Muslim Students



The Northeast Breakthrough Team

One night, Saul decided to test if Jesus was real. “Jesus if you are who you say you are, give me peace?”, he prayed. To Saul’s surprise, that night he was covered with a peace that he had never experienced before, and couldn’t explain. Half wanting to feel God’s peace again and half doubting it was from the Lord Jesus, he asked again the following night. And again he was flooded with peace from above. The next morning acknowledging that something was going on that was real, he wrestled with what he was to do next. He wanted peace, he had experienced love, Jesus was real, but dare he make Him Lord? For the next several days, Saul would agonize over his decision. “Be a man!”, he said to himself, “Make a choice.” But finally, he decided that he would not leave his roots. He would reject Jesus. He would call his friend, Damla (name changed) who was also seeking and convince her to come with him, and return to Islam.

At home, he began to read the gospels, hoping to debunk Christianity and help his Muslim friends reject these new ideas and follow the true religion, Islam. But as he read, the New Testament over the summer, he was surprised by what he found. And he began to have many questions. His parents began to worry about Saul’s new hobby, and warned him. When the summer was over, he returned to college and began to ask questions. Still convinced that he would be able to debunk Christianity he spent the next two semester reading book after book, asking questions and meeting with the curious community of Jesus followers. But the more he read, the more he asked. The



Patrick (UMass) & students sharing the gospel

Taking the phone into his hands he motioned to dial. Just then Damla called him.

“Hey, we have to talk...”, began Saul.

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But to his surprise she replied, “Yes we do Saul, thank you, you just helped me believe in Jesus.”

“How can this be? I was just about to call you to tell you to quit with me!?” demanded Saul.



Chau Family on the Boat Cruise Outreach

Damla explained that she had been agonizing over the same decision for several weeks. And so she was going to call Saul to quit with her. Before she made her call, she prayed, “Jesus if you are real, stop me.” And then she dialed.

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But the phone would not work. Surely it was something wrong with her phone, she concluded. So she tried to call her friends, her mother, and every other call worked. But when she tried to call Saul again, nothing. And again she called other friends



Woman and child at Refugee Center

and nothing was wrong with her phone. Then she prayed, “Ok, Jesus, I believe in you”. And then she called Saul and the phone connected. Hearing this, Saul confessed the truth that he already knew, Jesus is his Lord.

Even though Saul’s family has disowned him and made attempts on his life, he cannot deny Christ. Now he is planning on entering full time Christian work, to help other college students find Jesus, who loves them and gives them peace that is like no other.

This summer, we saw 1 student decide to follow Jesus and we made 140 new Muslim friends, like Saul. Dozens of our new Muslim friends are high priority contacts whose lives we’ve seen the Lord’s hand already at work, drawing them to Himself. They have been passed onto our STINT (yearlong) team who will continue our labor of love, in Jesus name. Through the efforts of summer projects from previous years, nearly 40 Muslim students have decided to follow Jesus this year. Thank you for entering into the harvest with us, praying for the middle east, praying for our time there and giving so generously to God’s kingdom. 

Prayer Corner

1. Please pray for Joe and Jenny, that we would continue to experience God’s overwhelming love. That we would make every effort to stay in step with the Holy Spirit.
2. Please pray for us as we seek to be wise and godly parents. Pray for our children that they will walk faithfully with the Lord all the days of their lives.
3. Pray for us to lead our team and our students in wisdom, boldness and compassion, so that our team and students will live out the gospel and experience God’s grace and truth in community.
4. Please Pray for us as we lead our team in the next semester. There are many challenges as we face the upcoming year. Which we will talk more about in our next prayer letter.
5. Please pray for God to give us wisdom to make wise decision and to stay in step with His Spirit as we follow Him for our lives.



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