



JASON | BRITTNEY | EDEN CURTIS

Bringing Joy to the Arab World



Bowling for Jesus?!?!

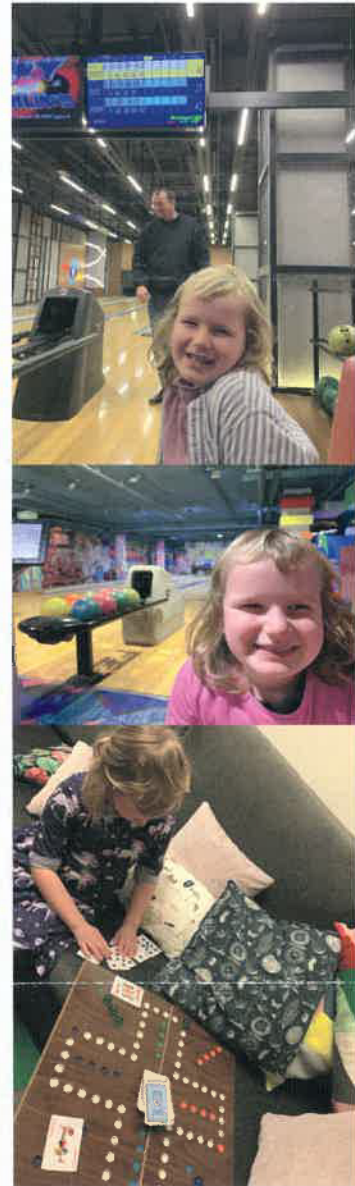
When we returned to Cairo following itineration, in the new part of the city where our team now lives, we were so excited to start looking for new places to find friends. One day, we discovered Edén LOVES bowling. We found a more “local” bowling alley and went there on a whim one night. It was most definitely not a whim as we met a young man the Lord has been pursuing and making ready! As Jason got to spend more time with Andrew (name changed), he discovered that he has an open, teachable heart unlike any we have ever personally seen on this side of the world. They are currently diligently studying the book of Luke using a curriculum Brittney developed for seekers during our last term here.

But even beyond just reading and studying the Word of God, something Jason has noticed about this relationship that’s different than others he’s had with locals is that there is no shortage of opportunity to talk about and demonstrate the teachings of Jesus in response to challenges and circumstances Andrew finds himself in at the time. “Like what?” you might ask. Like feeling taken advantage of and just generally disliked by your co-workers and others around you (*Jesus has a lot to say about loving your enemies and those who spitefully use you*). Like feeling betrayed by your own earthly dad when he fails to protect and defend you before others (*Jesus wants you to know and encounter God the Father, who longs to draw near to you and be your protection*). Like feeling completely worthless (*Jesus teaches us our worth and value are rooted in God, not in what others think about us*). And like wanting to be part of a real, close-knit family (*the body of Christ was designed to be the community of God where we treasure, care for, and build each other up*). These are exactly the types of things the Lord is giving Jason open doors to talk about with Andrew on a regular basis.

But, ya know, even though discipleship is about dealing with the serious topics of life, it also involves having fun along the way. So we’ve even started teaching Andrew a boardgame called “Tuck” that was taught to us by a small group that adopted us in Indiana 10 years ago! Pray with us that Andrew’s openness to read scripture and longing for family would lead to a desire for relationship with God, the Father.

Social Media Ministry

In addition to being thankful to the Lord for “the one,” we are also grateful to him for “the many” that are being reached online with the message of hope thru our social media ads. While stats don’t tell us everything, they do help us



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understand what is and isn't working, and they give us a high-level view of the incredible things God is doing in the Arab World. Celebrate with us that in the **first quarter of 2024 alone** (i.e., from January 1 thru March 24, 2024)...

- Over 13,000 individuals responded to our ads by sending approximately 72,000 messages to our digital responders.
- Our digital responders sent approximately 60,000 messages to them in return.
- 503 individuals began our "Introduction to Mark" Bible study.
- 238 individuals had one or more spiritual conversations with a digital responder, though they did not begin the "Introduction to Mark" Bible study.
- 141 individuals finished the "Introduction to Mark" Bible study and are performing additional studies with us.
- We have studied with, vetted, and handed off 21 individuals for face-to-face follow-up and discipleship.

Isn't the Lord faithful and good?!?!?!?

So Many Answered Prayers...



The months leading up to our departure, we had several big items on our hearts and minds. In a housing market where teammates were taking weeks or months to find a suitable apartment, we found our apartment on our **SECOND** day of looking! Praise the Lord!

Eden was accepted into our first-choice school, is acclimating well, and is happy at her school with her new friends. Obtaining a long-term visa by the end of the summer term was originally an area of significant concern, but we were recently able to obtain the visa needed to get us through Kindergarten and into 1st grade! Again, praise the Lord!



Eden's spiritual development over the past several months has been incredible to witness. There have been many heartfelt conversations about heaven and sin and forgiveness and conviction and knowing the Holy Spirit's voice. She is processing through the idea of baptism, asking to read her beginner Bible multiple times a day, listening to Dan Betzer's Bible stories all night, and even defending the deity of Jesus to her friends at school. Please continue to pray with us for Eden that she would continue to keep her eyes on Jesus and that we would shepherd her heart well as parents.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING AN ETERNAL IMPACT IN THE ARAB WORLD!

