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Left: Sam and Iman

Top: Kinsley LOVING sledding!

Right: Kinsley and Emerson ready to tackle the snow!



From Iraq to America

Sitting in the student center, Iman shared with me through tears "I know God brought me out of Iraq and put you in my group so that I can hear this."

Just a few days earlier, as I (Sam, a staff member on our team who is a student at Wake Tech) sat down with Iman in Spanish class to work on our presentation, I asked her how she had such a good accent. She responded that she was Arab. As I asked her what that meant, she said she was from Iraq. Clearly not veiled, I asked her if she was Muslim. She responded "Well thats the thing. My dad said I don't have to veil so I don't feel different but I have wanted to convert to Christianity but don't know enough."

When I asked her if she had time to talk with me because I would love to share what I believe, she said she had to go but wanted to meet up two days later after class. Those two days, I, as well as a few others, constantly prayed for Iman.

Two days later, class begins and Iman was not there. I was so disappointed but began praying for her again. Then, long after class had begun, Iman walked in. She looked over at me and pointed, showing me she was excited to meet up after class. After class, Iman shared "I couldn't stop thinking about our conversation and I know that today will change everything." As we talked through her questions, I shared the Gospel with her. This is when she started crying and sharing with me that she knew God had brought her here.

We started talking about what it would mean culturally for her to give her life to Christ and she shared that if she made this, it would mean her family disowning her and losing everything. After hearing this, I asked her if she still wanted to accept Christ knowing what the consequences would be, and she responded in a way I will never forget. She said "There is no way I cannot not do it." So, right there in the student center, Iman, an Iragi student, prayed and asked Christ to come into her life. After she prayed, she said that she wants to be the person God wants her to be, placed her hand over her heart, and kept repeating the phrase "I'm Christian!"

Iman and I have met up a few times since this day and she is excited about learning what it means to follow Christ. She got a bible from the Hetzels and has started to read in the book of John. Pray for her as she tries to figure out how to tell her parents that she now follows Christ (her mom is in America but her dad is in Iraq).

Thank you for making divine interactions like this possible and joining with us to reach the nations!

Prayer Requests:

- Praise for Iman and her decision no matter the cost!
- We have two students who have been accepted to serve the Lord overseas for a year or two - one in Senegal and one in the middle east!
- Ed and I got to attend a marriage conference with our church in January.
- Pray that many students will attend our men's and women's weekends in March.
- Pray that students will commit their summers to serve the Lord on mission trips - we are praying for 13 this year!
- Pray for funds to be raised and people to join us at a dinner we are hosting March 28 to raise funds for our campus.

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