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### **A RECENT STORY**

#### **From Crescent to Cross**

Maryama was born and raised in Somalia. As a young child, she felt she could experience God in all of nature. When she was 5 years old, her mother died. Maryama was told she must appease “the god who was unknowable – the god who judges the heart and mind.” However, Maryama just wanted to escape this frightening “god.” She was terrified of death, feeling certain she could never enter paradise.

When Maryama immigrated to America as a young wife and mother, things did not improve. She felt lonely, vulnerable and confused. And, she felt helpless as she heard reports from home of family and friends being killed in the Somalia Civil War. Sitting in a car and rocked with grief, she cried out, “Allah, Allah, please help me!” When she looked up through her tears, she saw a cross on a building. She had been in the U.S. for 10 years, but had never looked intently at a cross. She went into the church and said, “I want to know about the cross.” On a weekly basis, the pastor began showing her the *JESUS* film. She was mesmerized and shocked. Maryama received the help she had cried out for. After her baptism, she finally felt an incredible and lasting peace.

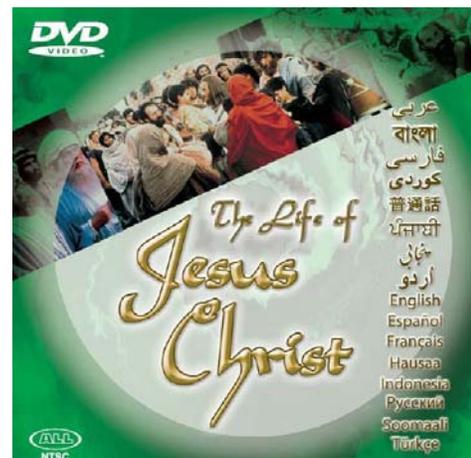
Recently, Maryama told JESUS Film® staff members, “Twenty years ago, Jesus came to me through the *JESUS* film. This film walked me through hearing and seeing Jesus.” Maryama now uses *JESUS* DVDs to help others receive Jesus’ love. She has written about her extraordinary journey to the heart of God in her book, ***From the Crescent to the Cross.***

### **THE PEOPLES CONNECTION**

The Peoples Connection is a bridge-building effort encouraging North American Christians to build genuine, lasting relationships with people who have come from other lands and introduce them to Jesus.

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### **Featured DVD**



***Middle Eastern Languages***

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**Pray for all to be  
saved and to  
come to the  
knowledge of the  
truth.**

**1 Timothy 2:1-8**

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**MONDAY:** Praise God for the 1.3 million Middle Eastern *JESUS* DVDs already distributed. This DVD includes the 16 languages most spoken by immigrants from Middle Eastern countries living in North America. The DVD is also subtitled in 8 languages. Pray for our partners using this tool to have God's wisdom and favor in their outreaches. Pray for many immigrants to understand Jesus' gift of love and receive Him as their personal Savior and Lord.

**TUESDAY:** Praise God for helping us to exceed our ministry goal of providing 1 million Middle Eastern *JESUS* DVDs! These tools were distributed to individuals, churches and partners to reach recent Muslim immigrants in North America. Pray for people to watch the DVD and embrace Jesus. Pray for the individuals who have decided to be followers of Jesus to become involved in a local church where they can be discipled in their new faith. Pray for the impact as the DVDs are shared from family to family.

**WEDNESDAY:** Pray for the upcoming celebrations of the Iranian New Year called **Nowruz**. This celebration is the weekend of March 19 this year and is observed by family and friends at parks and other venues. Pray for individuals and ministries to have successful outreaches using *JESUS* DVDs in the Farsi language. Pray for favor and openness by all who are offered a DVD. Pray for prepared hearts to not only receive the DVDs, but also to watch them and place their faith in Jesus as their Savior.

**THURSDAY:** Praise God for the many refugee ministries reaching out to an ever-increasing number of people seeking safety and freedom in North America. Ask God to give wisdom to these ministries as they provide housing, food, clothing and assistance in adjusting to life in a new culture. Pray for those serving refugees to be aware of and offer *JESUS* DVDs to those to whom they are ministering. Pray for openness by refugees to receive and watch the *JESUS* DVDs and to desire to know more about Jesus.

**FRIDAY:** Praise God for the opportunity to furnish multi-language *JESUS* DVDs for 97 major events throughout North America in 2015. Pray for the people who received a *JESUS* DVD at one of these events to watch the movie and to be open to following Jesus Christ. Pray for many families to be transformed by the love of Jesus as they embrace their new faith. Pray for individuals, churches and ministries who gave the DVDs as gifts to immigrants this past year to have opportunities to help establish new believers in their faith.

**SATURDAY:** Praise God for over 122,000 multi-language *JESUS* DVDs sent to those participating in our Christmas Campaign. Ask God to grant wisdom in meeting the spiritual needs of those seeking additional information about Christianity. Pray for new believers to be enthusiastically incorporated into churches and Bible studies. Pray for immigrant family members and neighbors to listen to testimonies of changed lives and to be open to receiving Jesus personally.

**SUNDAY:** Pray for a new initiative we are launching with Christian leaders across America to give a *JESUS* DVD to every non-Christian immigrant in America. Ask God to make it possible for every non-Christian immigrant home in America to receive a *JESUS* DVD in their language. Pray for wisdom and favor in the eyes of denominational and church leaders in this new effort.