

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news.

Isaiah 52:7



Short Film's being used in the Middle East to change a life for eternity.

PRAYER LETTER

The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things! Psalm 118:16

Growing the Kingdom by Equipping the Body

Middle East "This Never Happens Here!"

The sun was shining, but Abdul's heart felt heavy as he walked along the waterside with Sam, a Jesus Film® staff member.

Because of the limitations on evangelism in his country, he had not seen many people come to Christ. Am I really helping to grow God's kingdom? or am I just wasting my time? he wondered.

Earlier that day Sam and other staff members trained several local believers, including Abdul, how to share their faith using the Jesus Film app. The training team highlighted the app's library of nonreligious short films as a very effective means of starting spiritual conversations with nonbelievers in closed countries.

Following the training, the staff paired up with the nationals and went out to put the skills they'd covered to the test. Sam partnered with Abdul, and the two set off.

Sam and Abdul approached a young man, Omar, and after some small talk, asked if they could show him a short film called "Ctrl Z." Omar agreed to watch the film, which focuses on second chances. Omar's eyes remained fixed on the tablet screen for the next six minutes.

Sam asked Omar if he would go back to redo a part of his life if he was given the opportunity.

"Yes! But that is only fiction," Omar replied. Sam and Abdul used that open door to directly share the good news with Omar.



CtrlZ is a film of "second-chances" that Abdul was able to share with Omar.

After many questions, especially about God's grace, Omar said, "This makes sense." He then prayed and received Christ.

"This never happens here!" said Abdul.
"Now I am excited to tell everyone about
Jesus. Especially since you have equipped
us with a simple way to engage and share
the gospel with everyone!"

I love this story, because it shows the power that God has to use a simple short film to transform someones life. We feel humbled to be partnered with you in creating and supplying these tools to all the "Sams and Omars" out there.

That's one reason why Julie and I are so excited about our biennial U.S. Staff Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado this summer. As we gather with over 5,000 fellow U.S. staff

and hear from our leadership, we anticipate that God will broaden our perspective for the world, equip us to be more effective in our ministry roles, and enable us to go forth to bear even more fruit.

This required ministry training costs about \$3,500 including transportation, conference fees, meals and other expenses for 10 days.

Would you prayerfully consider joining with us by donating a gift of \$100, \$200, \$300 or some other amount? If you are in a position to give, would you please respond by July 10th? Be sure to make your check payable to: Cru, or you can go online and make a donation at give.cru.org/0642229.

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