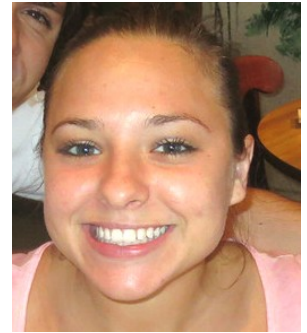


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Hello my friends!

Michael came into the mission with an announcement. "I have a project. It's due tomorrow." "I reckon we'd better start working on it! Come over here and let me see what you have." Michael sat by me and showed me a picture he'd drawn. It depicted a super muscular, bald, Japanese young man. "Hmmm. This looks like Dragonball Z," I observed. (It's a very popular animated super hero show.)

"It is," he said proudly.

"Who's it supposed to be?"

"Mohammed."

"Mohammed?! You think Mohammed looked like this?" As soon as I said the word 'Mohammed,' all the Muslim kids from Bangladesh looked up.

"You shouldn't draw that," Fahim observed. It's against our religion.

"Michael, you understand that Mohammed wasn't Japanese, bald or a super hero, right?"

"Uh, I just thought he might've looked like this." He held up his paper with pride.

"Did you know that Mohammed's name is only in the Koran twice? And Isah (the Muslim's name of Jesus) is in the Koran over twenty times?" I asked my Bengali kids. They shook their heads no. "Did you know that Jesus' mother Mary is the only woman mentioned in the Koran?" Again the Bengali kids shook their heads no. "Did you know that Jesus is the only person in the Koran who healed people and raised them from the dead?" All the kids in the mission were interested now. "In fact, the Koran is more about Jesus than Mohammed. That's why I want all my Bengali kids to learn about Jesus!"

The kids thought about it and nodded their heads. "I guess that would be good."

I pointed to Michael's picture. "This is really good work. Did you trace that?"

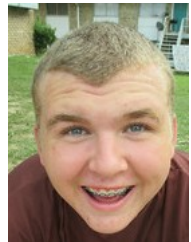
"No, I just had a picture from my phone and drew it."

"You have a lot of talent Michael. That's really good. Unfortunately, I don't think it looks like Mohammed or anyone from that time period or from that part of the world. Instead of wearing a toga, draw him with a long robe. Put some hair on him and make him look less like a super hero and you should be fine. And he's not Japanese!"

"OK. Thanks Mr. Tim!"

Talking with your friends about Jesus may seem to be a scary thing. It's hard to know where to start. The first step? Listen! It's amazing how many times people will say something that is an obvious intro to the Gospel. It may not be a cartoon. Perhaps it's a news report about ebola or terrorists. "Would you like to know the way to never fear death?" Share the love of Jesus, it's the answer!

Love, *Tim & Kathy*



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