



## Letters from the Mission Field

March 2015



In just twelve days Dad and I have shown two ladies from Michigan how the whole world has come to Atlanta. My favorite experience was at the Islamic shops in Clarkston.

After a hearty meal of roast goat at Al Madina, an Ethiopian restaurant, the ladies and I went to explore the burka shops in Clarkston.

We wandered through the colorful stalls greeting everyone with, "As-salamu alaykum." (Peace be unto you.) The ladies from Somalia and Ethiopia were so pleased to have Americans in their shops. They smiled big smiles with missing teeth. We touched the silky fabrics from Africa and inhaled the spicy incense that filled the air. We could hear the soft thumps of tribal drums over the static radio.

"These scarves are very beautiful!" One owner motioned for us to come into her store. "Good for cold weather." She demonstrated tying the scarf around her body.

"How did you learn to wrap the scarf around your head?" I asked, interested in how she wrapped her hijab.

"As a little girl, my mother taught me." She pulled out hairpins from under the counter. "You see, you drape it over your head, pin behind your ears and chin and then tuck into place with pins."

"Why do you wear one?" I asked innocently.

"To remind me that Allah is always above me." She closed her eyes and nodded her head.

At that point our Michigan ladies came up and bought two beautiful scarves from her. "Thank you so much. I will pray your business picks up." I told her, turning to leave.

"Insha' Allah.(Allah willing)" She responded.

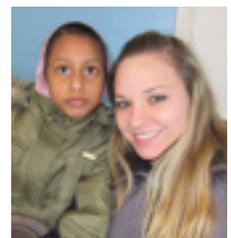
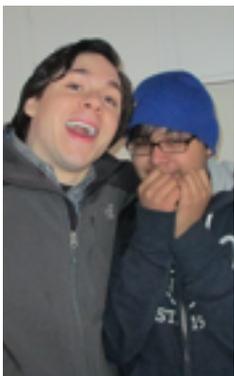
Please pray that the Father continues to give me courage as I build relationships with my Muslim friends. Pray the He will give me exactly the right words to say. Thank you for supporting a young missionary like me.

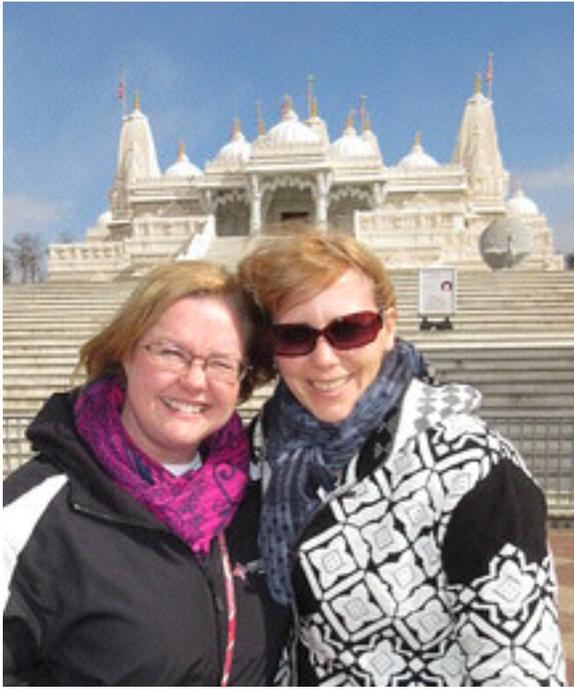


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