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The people of the cross, the followers of the hostile Egyptian Church

Once again the world watches as courageous Christians lose their life rather than deny their Lord, Jesus, the Christ. Our hearts break with sadness for the families of these faithful Saints even though these men were not victims but hero's. They are "more than conquerors."

Romans 8:37

"When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony that they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed." Revelation 6:9-11

How sad we were to see, once again, the cruel & twisted religion of IS turned against 21 peaceful Egyptian Christians living in Libya. Trusted source in Egypt report that in the weeks leading up to their deaths, their IS captors tortured them and attempted to persuade them to deny Jesus in return for living. They all refused to deny Christ; they all died on that beach singing songs to Jesus. We have no doubt that death opened a door to heaven for each of them & they were able to gaze on the face of the God of Love & Grace, the Prince of Peace, King of Kings, & Lord of Lords, Jesus! *Friends at the Bible Society in Egypt wrote & printed this poem in their honor:*

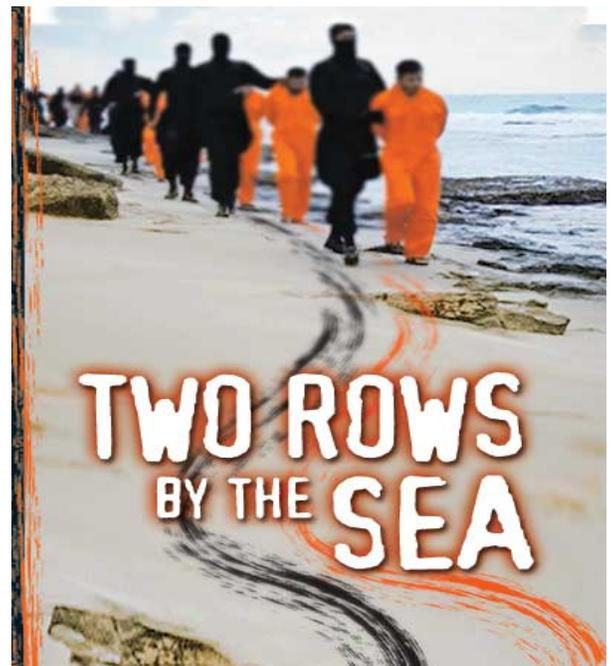
*Two rows of men walked the shore of the sea,
On a day when the world's tears would run free,
One a row of assassins, who thought they did right,
The other of innocents, true sons of the light,
One holding knives in hands held high,
The other with hands empty, defenseless and tied,
One row of slits to conceal glaring-dead eyes,
The other with living eyes raised to the skies,
One row stood steady, pallbearers of death,
The other knelt ready, welcoming heaven's breath,
One row spewed wretched, contemptible threats,
The other spread God-given peace and rest.*

A Question...

Who fears the other?

The row in orange, watching paradise open?

Or the row in black, with minds evil and broken?



WHERE SIN ABOUNDS, GRACE ABOUNDS ALL THE MORE!

Last month when I travelled to Jordan I had the privilege of meeting a young man that has given his heart to Jesus. For security reasons we'll call him Nathaniel. This is his testimony. *"In 2000, a friend gave me a Bible; a gift that I did not want so I initially refused it since it was Ramadan, however, I finally accepted it. Later, I opened this Bible with anticipation and I found myself reading the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew and something opened in my mind and heart. I felt like I was thirsty and someone had just given me a cold glass of water to drink. I had heard of Muslim teachers saying the Bible was corrupted, there was a lot of violence in the Bible, and that Jesus was only a prophet. I began to post antichristian articles on the Internet, but I also began to struggle inwardly as I knew what I was doing pleased Islam, but also felt that what I was doing was wrong. I began to drift away from Islam so that by 2006, my faith in God was gone. It seemed to me that much of the Quran came from the Bible. My reading in the Quran revealed to me that it was primarily a book of rules and negative attitudes towards women, Christians, and Jews. Furthermore, I noticed a number of passages in the Quran that seemed to contradict each other. My life became dark and I felt, at times, like I was lost in a desert.*

In 2008, I had a dream that changed me into a new person! I dreamt that everything in my town of 100,000+ was dark. I was walking on the street & everything was very black. However, I noticed in the distance a small light, so I began walking to the light; as I got closer the light got brighter. I went up a main street in my town and then began walking down a small street toward the light; to my amazement, the light was coming from a church; a church I did not even know was here in my hometown."

To be continued in our next newsletter!

Sorry to keep you hanging, there's much more to the story. For now, do realize that the Holy Spirit is moving throughout the Arab World in a dramatic way. Pray with us for a continual flowing of His grace in these dark & sinful days! His love is truly amazing!!!

We at Dreams Alive are always looking for new friends to partner with us to help promote Christ & help the persecuted throughout the Middle East. We look for those that can *give*, and we look for those that can *go* – move to the region to serve. Has the Lord been speaking to your heart to offer your *time* or *tithe*? If so, we'd love to hear from you. If it's on your heart to give, we are currently focused on providing relief to war refugees, now living in Iraq, Jordan, and Egypt. According to UNHCR there are over 4 million Syrian refugees. Since IS invaded Iraq there are now 1.5 million internally displaced Iraqi's and tens of thousands of new refugees. About 90% of every dollar given to Dreams Alive is going to help the refugees; the rest is administrative cost. Checks can be made to Dreams Alive & sent to PO Box 78, West Creek, NJ, 08092. Thank YOU for YOUR support & trust.



OPERTUNITIES TO SERVE AS TEACHERS!!!

Teachers help shape young minds. We believe Christian teachers can offer the Truth about God by serving & loving these kids. Are you a teacher? YOU can make a difference. These are paid jobs, no taxes, housing & round trip airfare. We recommend Al Raja: www.alrajabahrain.org/ and Ibn Khuldoon National School: www.ikns.edu.bh/ Check their websites then write us.

MEDICAL TEAMS

This year, for the 1st time, we are organizing short-term medical teams to serve Syrian & Iraqi refugees living in Jordan. Applicants must be certified doctors or nurses, commit for at least 1 week, and raise your own support. This is a great way to combat the atrocities of IS & show the love of Christ to thousands of suffering people. Write us!

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 Thank You!