

NEW BEGINNINGS

BROKEN VESSELS PRICELESS TREASURES

THE BROKENNESS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

I am not sure I have ever seen a group of women that needed healing more than those in the Middle East. Arranged marriages and female abuse built into their religion have left most of their hearts in despair. Even the leaders of Christian groups say the wives are filled with terrible discouragement and depression, especially those who are in abject poverty. They are broken souls. Yet, God places some of His greatest treasures in broken vessels! Because that is true, these women are so worth redemption and healing. That is what Philippian Ministries is all about!

THE TREASURE GOD IS PROVIDING

Broken vessels are not a loss because God delights in turning mankind's brokenness into treasure for His kingdom. As I look into the hearts of the Muslim women in the Middle East, I am beginning to see treasures unimaginable! For the first years I traveled to minister among them, I looked out at faces filled with suspicion, doubt, and disdain. I thought, "Lord, how can I get past their anger and hatred?"

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Hanan Yamout (below) was the interpreter for my entire trip to the Middle East in September and October. She is the wife of Mohammad Yamout a pastor in Tyre, Lebanon. Mohammad arranges all of the places I speak and minister in Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon each year. Hanan is a precious friend I took through emotional healing prayer two years ago. I wish you could have seen her then. Her face was ashen and she was barely walking. Now she is a miracle of the Lord's ability to heal a heart. God willing, she will be traveling with me through all of my trips in the future. (Please keep us in your prayers.)



When I first met Hanan she was crippled with fibromyalgia. She could hardly walk across the room. Now she is off of all medication but one and she is a new person. Her sweet face was once racked with pain but it now glows, and her eyes sparkle with life. As a result of her transformation, Mohammad wants us to

do emotional healing prayer seminars while I minister in Egypt in 2019. If all goes well, we will start to have them in Jordan and Lebanon as well.

God willing, and He makes a way for me to return, we will bring heart-healing seminars to the poorest of the poor Christians and Muslim women who have no other pain-healing forms of help! Praise God for sending us to love these precious souls and to minister His heart to them.

What a privilege, and what a glorious desire of God to bring the broken to the healing touch of Jesus.

FALL MIDDLE EAST MINISTRY

MINISTRY BEGAN IN EGYPT

MINISTERING TO THE POOR

I ministered in the following towns and villages in southern Egypt, the poorest area of the country.

Pastor Habib drove Hanan and me to each location.

1. PRDNOHE
2. SHOSHE
3. AISAM
4. BKER
5. MNBEL

As we started our first trip, we realized a police car with several policemen were following us everywhere we went. Even as I was speaking, one of them stood in the doorway, watching and listening. No matter where we went, they were never more than 40 or 50 feet away. We never knew why! Their car was behind ours

every step of the way. Were we being protected or watched? We never knew.

DELIVERING BAGS OF FOOD AND HOPE

Refugees were everywhere in Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon. They were from Syria, Iran, Iraq, and Yemen. In Jordan and Lebanon there are also refugees from Egypt. Wherever they may be, many of them need food. The countries to which they fled do not take responsibility for feeding them or allowing them to find work.

It is true that people don't care what you have to say until they see that you care. The refugees below were filled with gratitude when they saw that someone cared enough to bring food for their families.





Above: Lana with Kurdish Muslim woman. Above right and below, Lana speaking to Kurd refugees.



Above: Lana speaking in a hidden cellar in Tripoli, Lebanon. Below: Lana speaking in Aisam, Egypt.





Ministering to the women in Bakka



Bakka Valley, Lebanon



Your gifts and prayers make all of this possible. They are eternal investments.



Speaking in Beirut



Beirut

Tyre, Labanon



Tyre

Beirut

Lana with
women
leaders of
Somali
Internation-
al church.



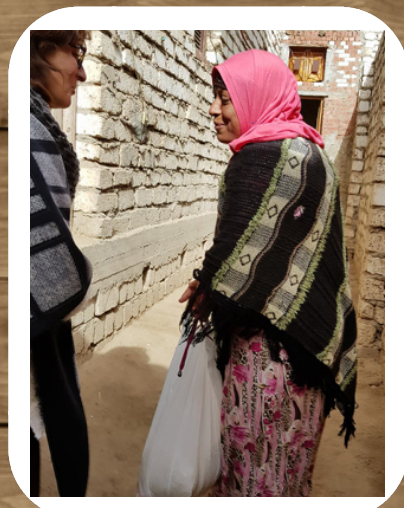
Lana
speaks
before
Syrian
refugees
in Tyre.



L: Lana with
this year's
Lebanon UN
border
chaplain and
R: Hanon
giving food.



Above left:
speaking in
Lebanon for
women and
leadership of
the Somali
church.



Where Your Treasure is, There Will Your Heart be

Our precious Francine Jackson recently left us for the home she has longed for. After a few years of battling Alzheimer's and experiencing two falls, she was left with a head injury that brought on her home-going in just a few weeks. After rousing from a coma long enough to say a very lucid and tender goodbye to her son, Tony, she lapsed back into unconsciousness for a week or so and then slipped away.

She has been a dear friend and part of Philipian Ministries for many years and we will really miss her. Francine also traveled with Lana and George Ann Dennis for 5 years with Christian Leaders and Speakers Seminars from 1980 til 1985. Yes, it is so true that Heaven grows exceedingly beautiful when it holds more and more of our heart's treasures.



Frannie shortly before meeting her Jesus.

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Few would even speak to me after I finished. Now things have changed dramatically. Now they hug me (which is unheard of in the Muslim Arab culture). They kiss my cheeks and tell me they love me. This year they said, "Stay here. Don't go back to America."

Several of the ladies on this trip said, "You are so beautiful." I responded, "No, I am just an old woman. The beauty you see is the love of Jesus that is flowing from my heart to yours. The love of Jesus is such a beautiful thing. It is alive and can't be stilled. Once it has made its home in a heart, it touches all who come near it."

He has filled me with love for you and I also bring the love of others who helped me come to you. Their hearts are filled with Jesus, too, and we love you too much to leave you without a chance to know Him."

I came home this year thinking how privileged we are to be a part in God's ingathering of those from every nation, every tribe, and every tongue. What the world might call our enemies, God says to bless. Thank you ALL for helping me bless them on your behalf through your prayer and gifts.

Training Seminar

We are looking at the possibility of a Dallas 3 day emotional healing prayer training seminar in April or May. Please email us if interested and want more information. Each seminar is held on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Our email is: newphilipmins@gmail.com



PHILIPPIAN MINISTRIES SERVICES

BOOKSTORE

Philippian Ministries maintains a supply of teaching tapes as well as copies of the book, *Help For Hurting Hearts*, by Lana Bateman. The cost of the book is \$16.25, which includes shipping and handling. If you are a Texas resident, the price will be \$17.00, which includes tax. You may request an order blank for Lana's other books and tapes including the books: *Bible Promises for the Healing Journey*, \$13.25 (plus \$.90 tax in TX), and *The Heart of Prayer*, \$15.50 (plus \$1.07 tax in TX).

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