

# New Beginnings

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## A True Story Shared by Lana In The Middle East

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During the reign of King Cyrus in the Persian Empire, there was a certain terrorist name Cagular. He was probably left over from the earlier Roman occupation in that part of the world. He went about with his band looting and destroying palaces and homes of the wealthy and influential throughout the kingdom. There was a great outcry from the people who wanted him captured and punished for his deeds. Finally King Cyrus called the populous together and announced that he was sending his army to capture this criminal and they would not stop until he was in their charge.

Finally Cagular was apprehended and brought to King Cyrus along with his wife and two sons. The king was moved by their appearance, attire, and carriage. They even looked somewhat like royalty themselves. After standing before the king for some time, his highness finally spoke from his throne.

He said, "Cagular, you have created great problems for my kingdom and you well deserve to die." Again, the king stopped to think for a while.

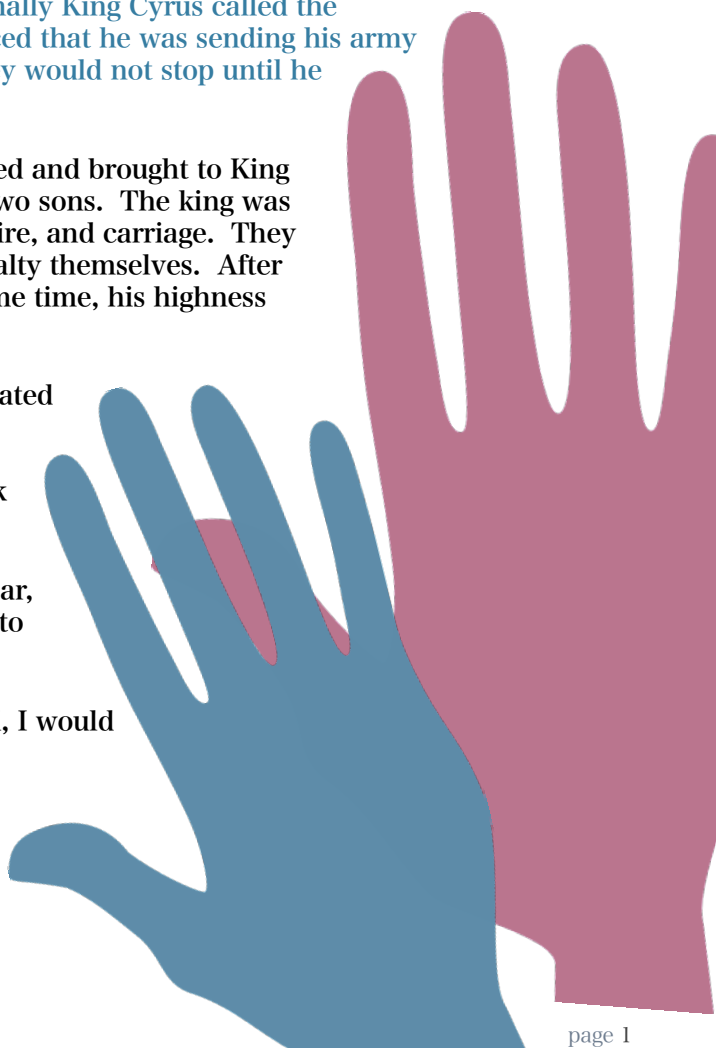
At last, he said, "Tell me, Cagular, what you would do if I decided to spare your life?"

Cagular stunned said, "My Lord, I would become your faithful servant."

Silence followed again.

Finally the king spoke, "And what if I should decide to spare your children?"

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## How Could This Be?

**God is looking for fruit in some of the most unusual places and in some of the most unusual ways.**

When I first started Philippian Ministries, I had a clear understanding that God was sending me to pray healing prayer with those in the body of Christ who were hindered by the past in their lives. The gift of this work was to go to His family. We were under the scriptural admonition to ...”do good to all men, especially those of the household of the faith.

(Galatians 6:10). We were to be a ministry especially to the household of the faith.

This understanding was such a part of my thinking that I never considered anything else.

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### Could Mohammad Really Ask This Of Me?

When I arrived in Lebanon in October, Mohammad asked me to pray emotional healing prayer with some of the Arab Muslim women there. I explained to him the commission God had given me was to pray with Christians. He gave that some thought and then told me he felt I should really consider praying with groups of Muslim women. Would I pray about it? With some hesitation, I agreed. What happened next was a really shock to me. The first time I prayed asking if the Lord wanted me to do this, I felt He said to me, “A different time. A different people.”  
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## Visiting California's PM Family

This spring found Lana traveling to California to visit prayer directors, along with present and past BOD members.

Her first stop was in Bakersfield, CA, where she had a wonderful time with Nancy and Gary Keller. Nancy is a BOD member and a prayer

director. Gwen Mairs met Lana and Nancy for a lunch and afternoon and they had a wonderful time together.

Gwen and her husband Danny live in Keen, CA, up in the mountains. Gwen is a trained prayer director with Philippian Ministries as well.



**L: Nancy Keller, Lana, Gwen Mairs  
Bakersfield, CA**

## When I Asked God Again

The second time I prayed, He seemed to be saying, “What did I do?” I thought, “Well, You healed the sick and delivered those bound by the enemy.” He replied, “Did I ask them if they were truly my followers, if they truly believed in me? No. I simply showed them what I could lovingly do for them. Go, and do the same.” Now it was time for me to act upon what I believed He said to me.

We decided to put together two small groups of Muslim women. One group was taken from among the widowed Syrian women whose husbands had been killed, often by the military. The second group would be women whose husbands had divorced them. Usually, it was because they had not produced sons for them.

We would spend about two hours with each group. First, I explained to them that only Jesus could walk back with them to give and receive forgiveness, for He is the Lord of forgiveness.

I asked each one to share their story. Hanan felt they would not share as it was not the Arab way. However, miraculously, every woman shared her own experience. They told about the agony when their husbands were killed by the government troops, often right in front of their family's eyes. So many heart breaking stories.

I explained that each was to sit in a chair facing the wall about 8 feet from the lady next to them. They could speak out loud, in a whisper, or

simply in their hearts. I asked them to picture both the Lord and the husband they lost, as they remembered him. Then, I explained they were to be honest and say everything to their husband they never had a chance to say. This was very important as Muslim women were never able to say what they really thought or felt, fearing abuse.

**God will not always lead us in the same way He has in the past. He is looking for a flexible people.**

I don't know about you, but I am not flexible by nature. There is just something very comfortable about having things stay the same, so it is a shock when the Lord manages to get my attention and asks me to change in certain situations. Then the miracle really comes when He can make my heart willing to respond!

Now was the time to be open and to share their hearts whether it was anger, hatred, despair, vengefulness, or betrayal.

Then, it was time to forgive and ask to be forgiven, explaining to that husband

the issues they were forgiving and those for which they were asking his forgiveness. I assured them that Jesus would take their hands and walk with them and there was nothing to fear.

We gave them each a box of tissue. I sat at the front of the room and prayed with all my heart for them to be able to really meet Jesus in this way.

They spent almost an hour crying and talking to that husband as they remembered him and then each came back to our half circle in the front of the room. There were lots of hugs (which is not the Arab culture) both for me and for each other. It was such a beautiful time.

I felt the Lord saying, “You just bring them to me every time you can and I will do the rest.”

What a shock! The adventure with Christ Jesus is so beautiful and unexpected if we will just let Him speak into every situation. I believe He will surprise us again and again. Seeing the results, I don't think we will ever be disappointed!



## FULL-TIME, SHORT-TERM MISSIONARY TESTIMONY

**Years ago through a series of life circumstances and a Bible study that I was attending, I felt that God was calling me to be a full-time, short-term missionary.**

Since then He has been developing in me the mind set that everywhere I go He and I are ALWAYS on a mission together, and I should expect Him to set up some divine appointments for me.

So here's what that looks like in my daily life.

I don't just "go" to the store. I'm on mission to the grocery store and I'm going to buy groceries. I don't just "go" to the dentist. I'm on mission to the dentist and I'm going to get a root canal. I don't just "go" on a trip. I'm on mission to Colorado and I'm going to have a vacation. And while I am there I don't just "go" to the spa. I'm on mission to the spa and I'm going to get a massage---one of my favorite Mission Trips. Here am I Lord, send me! Well you get the point.

When I go out I like to be PRAYER-Pared. Plus I always carry resource materials with me like The Jesus Film DVD's, and of course, now I have the new JESUS Film app where I can send it immediately for free in well over 1,400 languages..

Now here's **My Short Term Mission Trip Story** about a Muslim woman named Rose.



We moved recently, and so a few months ago I was **on mission** to the new dry cleaners. While I was in there I heard a foreign language movie playing on her computer.

So I asked,

"What language is that movie in?"

She said, "Hindi"

"Oh are you from India?"

"No Tanzania."

"Well what language do you speak?"

"Swahili. But I also speak 12 other languages."

I was pretty impressed by that since I only speak English and a little bit of Pig Latin.

And not wanting to waste this opportunity I said, "I am very interested in languages too. In fact I am involved with a movie that has been translated into over 1400 different languages. I can send you that movie in any language you want right now. Would you like to have it?"

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**Please  
Pray!**

1. Pray that the donations will come for Lana's trip to the Middle East. More is needed this year to pay for the poverty stricken Egyptian pastors' wives who will be bused to our healing prayer seminar where they will spend 2days/3nights and have all meals for \$35 each.

2. We will do two seminars in separate villages on Fri/Sat/Sun. Donations will dictate how many can attend for healing prayer. Between seminars Lana will be traveling and doing other speaking in south Egypt. Please partner with her through prayer/gifts. You become one with her in ministry as you do.

3. Lift her to the Lord for strength and stamina as these trips can be so fast paced. Pray against the enemy whose blows are great before she leaves and getting worse as the ministry brings emotional healing to more and more precious hearts. This may be the only healing they will have!



## FULL-TIME, SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

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She asked, "What is the movie?"

And I said, "The JESUS FILM."

She said, "Oh Jesus, yes, I have heard of him. I am a Muslim but Yes, I would like to have that movie."

"So what language do you want it in?" Ready to punch Swahili.

And, she said, "English."

I began to develop a relationship with Rose, and one day I ask her if she would like to do a Bible study with me and she said yes. Then I gave her a study Bible with her name on it.

A few weeks later I shared the gospel with her and she prayed to receive Christ. Since then we have continued meeting regularly at her cleaners for Bible Study and prayer. I am so excited about discipling Rose and watching the Lord work in her life.

In Philippians 1:12, Paul said, "My circumstances have

served to advance the gospel."

You and I have been uniquely placed by God because people will seek God and find him right where they are and right where we are. (see Acts 17: 24-27)

So those neighbors of yours, God is not far from them because YOU live next door. That nurse at YOUR doctor's office, God is not far from her because YOU got the flu. And that Mom with the crying baby sitting next to you on that airplane, God is not far from her because you got stuck in the middle seat. That tech at YOUR vet, God is not far from her because YOUR cat's got fleas. And that Muslim woman at YOUR cleaners—God is not far from her because YOU take YOUR clothes there.

I challenge all of you to begin thinking of yourselves as Full Time Short Term Missionaries too, and watch to see how God will use YOUR circumstances to advance the gospel. Ordinary events are never coincidental or incidental in the lives of God's people. Your mission field is the space between your own 2 feet. ALL things are His servants. He can use anything. Question is: "Will it be YOU?"

I promise you that it's an exciting and fun life style to ALWAYS be on a Mission. If you try it out, let me know how it is going. I would be so excited to hear your stories because you are going to have some great ones!

(Penny was a PM board member for a number of years.)

## Lana's Continued Visits With PM Family in California



Mike Sampley past PM BOD member, DeAnn Sampley, Nancy Keller, PM BOD member and PD, with Lana in Bakersfield.



Lana with Bonnie Blackmer in Granite Bay, CA.

## A True Story For The Middle East

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Relief filled Cagular's face and he replied, "I would be your slave for the rest of my life."

But Cyrus was not through with him yet. After another moment of silence, he said to Cagular, "And what if I spared the life of your wife?"

Cagular's reply was instant. "I would gladly die for you, King Cyrus."

Now the king pondered the man standing before him thinking about all of his answers.

At last he called his counsel and directed him to make Cagular a member of his cabinet and said, "Take this man and his family to living quarters within the palace grounds and give them all they need."

As they walked out of the throne room, the dissident turned to his wife saying, "Did you see the amazing opulence of that room? I have never seen so much

brilliant gold or so many exquisite stones."

She replied, "I did not."

He said, "Well did you see the king's royal robes full of splendorous jewels, the size and quality of which I have never before laid eyes upon?"

She said, "No I did not."

He said, "What about the rings on the king's hands? Did you see the magnificent stones? They must have been worth a fortune. More beautiful jewels I have never seen!"

"No," said his wife. "I did not."

Growing frustrated, Cagular responded with, "Well, what did you see?"

His wife turned, looked into his eyes and said, with great love, "I saw only the face of a man who said he would die for me."



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**"What do you mean to me?"**

**Jesus says, with his arms stretched out on the cross.**

**"I'm willing to die for you, because you mean this much to me."**





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