

To my friends at
Windy City Community church.

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Hi everyone!

I am writing to you because you have been part of my life. I have known some of you for longer than others. Some of you ministered to me when I was a little girl, others when I was in junior-high and high-school, others in college, and others while I worked in Argentina, US, Morocco, and after I returned again to the US and moved to Chicago. I want to thank you for ministering to me and your words of encouragement. You may not know this but you have been a part of what God has done in me and where he is taking me.

My most recent endeavors have involved volunteering in Morocco for 27 months as a health educator with the Peace Corps. For the last few months I have been transitioning back to life in the West. I believe it is in times of transition God has the most opportunity to work on us because we are vulnerable. As I look back, my life has been full of them!!... starting when I was three years old moving countries and nine more times after that, then moving to Taylor, and back to Argentina for a time, then back to the US and then to Morocco. Now I am back in the US! That is a total of fifteen major moves. Over time, I have gotten used to being expectant of a change, something new. This has been really good for me in terms of having to trust that God is the one guiding my life, and that he always has new things for us to learn and see new parts of his heart.

I am beginning to see how God has been guiding me in a specific direction as I look back over the years. God began stirring in my heart a desire to be a light in places of darkness when I was a young teenager of about thirteen, and I said "here I am Lord- send me". It is hard to know what those words mean until you are sent but when you are being called it is a strong and powerful thing. When I was at Taylor University I had the opportunity to travel to Kosovo in 2003. I went with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) and was briefed about Islam by Fouad Masri, director of Crescent Project (based in Indianapolis, Indiana). This was a time of vision and eye-opening to those 'places of darkness' as I met new Kosovar-Albanian believers and heard stories of their suffering during the war in 1999. I was again introduced further to Islam and the Muslim world while taking a world religions class and visited a mosque, heard the imam give his message and as a class we were able to discuss with him, following, in private.

When I applied to volunteer with the Peace Corps I didn't know where I was going, but I wanted God to guide me. Quoting from an email I wrote before leaving I said " All through this I have felt the hand of God guiding me and opening doors and saying to me: "walk -I will put ground under your feet", "If your focus is me, I will take you where I want- if you follow me, you will go where I am taking you". And so, here I am." I was going to Morocco. It was there that God showed me where my heart is. It is in being a light among the 1.2 billion Muslims in our world today. I have many Muslim friends who are dear to me. I have now had the experience

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of living in a Muslim society. The Lord has given me zeal and passion. As I sought what to do next regarding this passion and desire, I was reminded of 'Crescent Project'. I was looking to see if there was anything they did in the Chicago area related to ministry training. I later came across this verse: "It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way." Proverbs 19:2.

Their mission is to enable Christians in North America to share the hope of Jesus with Muslims. I found they are having a training at the end of May right here in Chicago called 'Sahara Challenge' including a ministry opportunity.

This summer I have the opportunity to join a two-week short-term trip to Tunisia, North Africa, following a one-week intensive training on Muslim evangelism and ministry. The team I am a part of will be working with a long-term Frontiers team (www.frontiersusa.org) The main activities include friendship evangelism and VBS style kids club. This is exciting!!

In order for this vision to become reality I need to develop a support team. This is a group of people who would support this work through prayer and finances. Would you consider becoming a part of this support team? I need your help in raising a total of \$3800, which includes everything that I need for the training and the trip (transportation, lodging, and meals). I need to raise at least \$1500 by April 15 and the remainder by May 20. Please pray with me that God would lay it on people's hearts to become involved.

Would you prayerfully consider helping to send my team and me to Tunisia? Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Do not put my name on the check, please. Use the enclosed envelope to send your tax-deductible gift made payable to Crescent Project and use the attached paper to designate it as a one time gift and designate it specifically. You can also make a secure contribution on the Crescent Project website (www.crescentproject.org/give). Be sure to choose Sahara Challenge/Trip Support and designate for Elizabeth Greenman-North Africa. What I want to ask is to remember me when you 'go on your knees'.

Pray...

- that God will give me clarity and discernment.
 - that God would prepare my heart to be molded
 - that He will use this opportunity as a potter's kiln to refine my soul so that I can become a vessel through which the living water of Christ is offered to the Muslim world.
 - that God would guide you in prayer also and the Holy Spirit intercede for me.
- Please also join me in praying about how God might use this for my future.

Thank you so much for considering partnering with me on this mission. This is an amazing opportunity for me, I would love to have you as part of my team!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Greenman

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