

The Ramsey Family

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“Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony...”

John 4:39a (ESV)

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Sending laborers to continually win, build, train, and send laborers into the spiritual harvest—that is the mission. But sometimes God uses tough situations to bring more attention and glory to himself. Such was the case as this unique story was shared at the EEC.

A staff in an unnamed country said: It was hard when our leaders were kicked out of country. Without any explanation they were told to pack and leave. And if they went into dorms to talk about Jesus, they would be put in jail. What was happening & how would ministry continue?

It was in this context that a student named Dima had just finished learning how to share his faith. As he was thinking about how he would be able to put his newfound knowledge into practice, his phone rang. “Hello?” Silence. “Hello?!?” Still nothing. So he hung up. A few seconds later, the phone rang again. “Hello?” Silence. “Hello?!?”

“Uh, hello. I just dialed a random number because I’m desperate. I was hoping to find someone who would listen to me. I’m a student at the university. I don’t know why I should keep living. Can you help me?”

He remembered what he had just learned about talking to others about Christ. So he shared the Four Spiritual Laws with Helen over the phone. She prayed to receive Christ into her life!

The next day his phone rang again. “Hello. I am a friend of Helen’s. Would you tell me the same thing you told her? Ever since she talked to you, she’s changed. She is so happy now!” So Dima shared the gospel with Alex, too. He wasn’t ready to invite Christ into his life, but said, “I will seriously consider what you’ve told me.”

Then the phone rang again. “Helen told me you are a holy man. Tell me what you told her.”

The phone rang yet again. But this time Dima heard a deep, mature voice. “Hello. I am Helen’s father. I understand that you’re a believer. Can you help me know God? I have a Bible but don’t know where to start. And is there a good church we could go to there? We would be glad to travel.” Dima said, “Sure, I can help you find a church and tell you about God.” So the family met Dima and now stay in weekly contact.

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No, it’s not an April Fools joke. We really are expecting our second child! It is too early to tell if we are having a boy or girl. But we want to know so that we can prepare the blue or pink room. =) BJ says that he would like a sister. We do know that September 30th is the due date. It is a thrill for us to be blessed with the expectancy of another baby.

While we are very excited we also know that not much is guaranteed in this world, especially when it comes to pregnancies. Would you pray with us in this baby’s development? Thank you. We would appreciate that.



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Pray that:

- God continues to reach people despite the hard hearts of leaders
- These new believers get grounded in the Lord, his Word, & his church
- This pregnancy goes well and comes to term

Praise God for:

- Being bigger than & sovereign over any government or nation
- Changing lives amidst the barriers
- Another pregnancy! =)

Love,
Jeff, Renea, & BJ

Building spiritual movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus