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The above logo is, in Arabic, "Jesus is the Light of the World."

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Jesus Prays for All Believers in John 17

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." [ A Call to Worship and Obedience ] Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Psalm 95:1-2 NKJV

## May 26

Evey went to Lyon to help many Muslim female converts find love again. She brought money from us to help these women get back to their homes in France. About \$500 was needed to get them signed in and returned back home. We found a foundation that is possibly going to help next year.

Thanks, Don and Evey



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## Dateline: Izmir, Turkey, 6pm on June 20, 2017

The sea breeze brought a nice air flow on the walking street where I sat down at 5:30pm, on the hugely overcrowded Starbucks, as I waited for my 6:30 appointment. There was a sea of 2 foot by 2 foot tiny outdoor tables, each with a marble top and mine with a piece broken off the right corner. With only one seat left outdoors, I sat down at a table across from a 19 year old Turk teen who just broke up with her boyfriend because he had no future and no drive. Astrip, her name, could speak some pretty clear English, so I found out she was a student of religious studies and cultures. In this part of the world, you just sit where there is a place without even asking to share a table: culture.

Astrip learned my name forever since it is Donald, a well known name now. What do I do I France? I said I am a pastor, a word she had never heard. Well, Astrip, I'm like an Imam for Christian people, but I only speak to Muslims. Then God showed up, rather, I realized this was happening in God. But Donald you believe Isa (Jesus) is the Son of God and that means....Stop I said. No God didn't have sex to have a son, but in the West, they laugh at you if you say a fisherman at the Nile is "son of the Nile." Or a prostitute is "son of haram (all evil)." But you say that, we don't. The Bible says "son of" just for you, Middle Easterners and Eastern people. You look down and say the concrete maker is "son of concrete," because he is totally inseparable with concrete. So why is Jesus the Son of God? Astrip said Jesus is always with God and inseparable from God, the same.

But Jesus was a prophet, she said. What do you think of Mohammed? I pled with her not to ask me that question. Astrip, what is a prophet? Someone who is sent from God and who speaks from God.

Right. Are prophets with or without sin? No, she said, they have no sin. Did Mohammed have sin?

She looked to the ground. He married a 4 and a 9 year old, she said. We call that pedophilia. So do we. Mohammed had sin, he was a pedophile. I started to cry. I saw God at work. She begged me to stop crying. Why you cry? Because I love Isa (Jesus) so much. He came as a lamb and Mohammed came with the sword. Only Jesus can take away your sin and shame. How? Astrip, you have to ask him. When? Right now. Astrip said out loud: "Isa, I come to you and I ask you to take away all my sin and all my shame right now." At Starbucks. Give me your hands. Why? I want to pray. In her hands I prayed, "Come close to Astrip and do your work in her life."

Astrip, what will you say when you stand before Jesus and He asks you why he should let her into his heaven? YOU WILL SAY I SPOKE WITH DONALD AND I ASKED YOU, JESUS, TO TAKE AWAY ALL MY SIN AND ALL MY SHAME. I cried again and the phone rang and she had to go. Okay, men should talk to men, you don't touch a woman's hands, you want group and not single conversion, you want to give them a copy of the Turkish Gospels, but I chose God over culture. Pray for Astrip, she is on the road.