

UPDATE ON DAN AND SARAH CHETTI  
August 2009

#### SPRING 2009 ACTIVITIES

##### DAN

Dan taught three courses at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary this spring. The seminary is changing the way they present their curriculum, changing from an intellectual approach to a more holistic approach. It is not enough to teach information, but Biblical instruction must affect the heart and result in actions that reveal Jesus Christ to the world.

The seminary is also changing their focus on the students now attending. The seminary is investing in people who have a passion to return to their own people. Some students are older, from established ministries, who seek more training to better meet the needs of their people. They are training church planters, pastors, and evangelists.

The Beirut International church is rapidly growing and there is a need to begin a new congregation. Dan is involved in leadership in the church and he is assisting in finding new leadership to start a new church in the Beirut area.

##### SARAH

Sarah now has permission to visit a number of prisons. She has three dependable co-workers, Bubble from Germany, who plays the guitar, and Irene, a woman who was a maid from Madagascar and is married to a man from Syria. Most recently, a Filipino woman named Elma has joined the ministry team. She speaks Tagalog, and thus communicates with the Filipino maids who have been incarcerated.

A Sri Lankan woman, Ranuka, who was in prison, led Bible studies and prayer groups for her cell. Ranuka has now returned to her family in Sri Lanka and wants to be a Bible teacher. (The women are housed in cells of 50 women. There are no beds, only bedrolls to sleep on the floor and one toilet. The cells have no windows and the summer heat can be oppressive)

#### SUMMER 2009 ACTIVITIES

##### DAN

Dan has been visiting American churches to share the vision for ministry to Muslims and to the Arabic speaking countries. His teaching at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon continues to fuel Dan and Sarah's passion for evangelizing unreached Muslims around the world. The United States population now numbers 7%-8% Muslims!

##### SARAH

Sarah has been able to spend much needed time with their daughter, Rachael this summer. Rachael will be attending the University of Oregon in the Fall where she will be majoring in the biological sciences. Rachael will be living with her aunt and uncle in Cottage Grove. Her uncle, Steve Johnson is the pastor of the Cottage Grove Baptist Church.