



THE MOSES PROJECT

Spring 2010

The Moses Project Update is produced by CVMCanada for the purpose of sharing a ministry project under unusually difficult circumstances. Thus, due to the sensitive nature of their work, the names of Dr. Joe, missionaries, project workers, and specific countries are withheld.

Outreach in the Middle East has never been easy. The Moses Project has seen some exciting developments recently but also some significant challenges. On the one hand, there have been a number of people interested in the Good News! One new Christian had been hesitant to inform his wife of his newfound faith (due to possible family and social ostracization) but when he told his wife, she told him that she already knew, and could tell because of the improved way he was treating her! Another believer is praying for and waiting for his wife to come to faith so both can be baptized at the same time. The Word of God is active and moving in the Middle East!

On the veterinary side, monthly income from the clinic was the highest so far (partly due to assistance from CVM veterinarians who spent time with Dr. Joe in January and assisted with some small animal surgeries). Depending on the month, income as managed to cover as much as 30% of expenses. Dr. Joe's spirits are high and the religious police have not been accusing or threatening over the last few months.

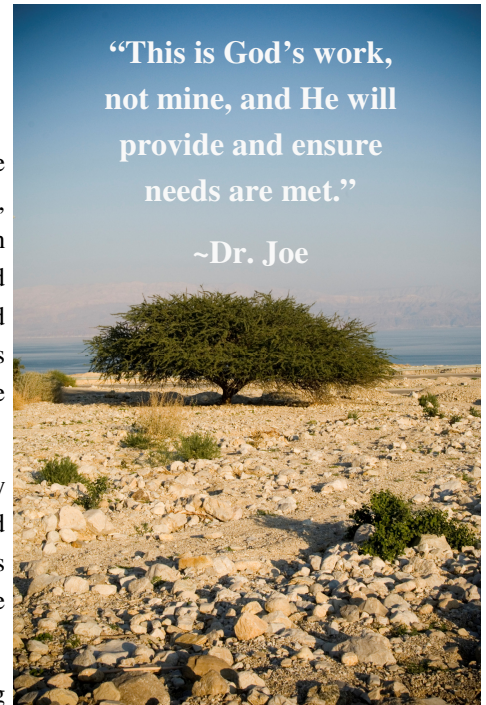
On the other hand, however, there have been major challenges to overcome. One big one is that the recently established stationary veterinary clinic is slated for demolition in the near future to make way for a highway expansion. There are no reasonable alternatives nearby, and the closest option will be to rent space in a nearby town—this would more than double the monthly rental costs. Another is the arrival of a NGO that plans to provide free veterinary care and medications to the local population. As Dr. Joe is just setting up a clinic that hopes to see some income from drug sales and professional fees (small though they may be), this could be a major factor in the 'success' of the clinic. Another factor that could come into play is the establishment of a local humane society type of organization that could offer free spay and neuter surgeries – the type Dr. Joe is banking on to help support the cost of outreach among the poor. Dr. Joe is undaunted, however. As he says, “This is God's work not mine, and He will provide and ensure needs are met.”



In January, two CVM volunteer veterinarians went to participate in Moses Project. Assistance in financial arrangements and book-keeping was offered, and several medications and diagnostics and a dental float was donated to the project. Even a relatively simple tool like a dental float will greatly increase the level of care Dr. Joe is able to offer. Surgical assistance was given in the form of dog spay and neuters, and a camel rumenotomy. Many farmers are being helped at very low cost with surgical and medical intervention, mostly with sheep and goats. The volunteers were fortunate enough to be able to share in a Christian church service and even given an opportunity to preach at the service, and share in the breaking of bread.

We are excited that the Moses Project is able to support Dr. Joe in his work among some of the most unreached people on earth. The needs are great however, and we do request each reader to prayerfully consider the opportunity to help ensure the longevity of the project by making regular donations.

If you would like further information on the Moses Project, or to make a financial contribution, please send contribution to Christian Veterinary Missions of Canada and designate it as for the Moses Project. On behalf of Dr. Joe and those he serves, thank you very much.



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~Dr. Joe





UPDATE FROM DR. JOE:

Dear prayer partner:

In the last month or two I have had some problems in sending out project updates because I was threatened by the secret police who ordered me to stop any evangelical work. They confiscated my laptop and questioned me about my activities and my contacts with those whom I share the good news. They asked me to sign a paper that promised I would never share my faith with others. I refused to do so, and I was sent to jail as an intimidation tactic. However, I held my ground and would not make the promise. So after an afternoon in jail I was released, and threatened by the secret police that they will turn my life into hell if they find out I am sharing my faith with those from a different faith background.

My computer is back and has been checked so I can be quite sure there were no spy programs installed, so I can write again. I will really appreciate it if you pray for that issue and for security for those of us engaged in ministry.

A few weeks ago I and one of my best friends (a Western man) had great opportunities to share the good news with a Muslim man (whom we will call A.M.); we spent more than an hour talking with him and answering his questions regarding Christianity and the Bible. Towards the end of the discussion he invited us back to have a BBQ lunch at his house again, which we will do very soon to be able to share the good news with him again. We need your prayers for this man and for us, that the Lord give us wisdom and courage to share the Love of Jesus Christ with him.

Just 15 minutes ago, I finished a four hour discussion with a senior engineer in one of the biggest companies here, about Christianity and Islam. I gave him a copy of the bible and a DVD. In our country, actually giving a bible to someone is a huge step because the security risks it involves.

This engineer (whom we will call A.A.) is trying to find the truth and seeking for the light of Jesus Christ everywhere. I am convinced that our Lord arranged our conversation as the opportunity arose without any preparations on my part. A.A. is very close to knowing the Lord and experiencing his salvation.

Please pray for A.A. and his wife that the Lord open their hearts to the truth.

In Him, Dr. Joe



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