

Stories from the Field – Arabian Peninsula 2018

Our waiter’s English in the Turkish restaurant in Dubai was heavily accented but surprisingly good. “My name is Fate, where are you from?” Upon telling him I was from VA, his eyes gleamed and his hand gestures more animated. “I worked in VA Beach one summer!” He was overjoyed to learn I too was from that area. “Where are you from?” “Arrat in Northern Turkey.” My friend asked him, “Do you know the story of a boat filled with animals that landed on Mt. Arrat?” He said his mother told him something, but he couldn’t remember. So we told him the story in snippets as he waited on us and others in his section. “God saved Noah, there is another story how God saved all mankind through Jesus...”. The man said a lady in VA Beach told him this too. “This is a good conversation, I want to learn more.”

Did fate bring us to Fate that night, or are we part of a providential plan to accomplish the will of a living God? Be a link (in the chain of faith) to the person God puts in front of you as He brings them to faith.

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The young student was back in my office once again. He struggled with submitting to authority, wishing to do as he wanted to do when he wanted to do it. I had had numerous opportunities to speak into his life about authorities placed over us for our good and his choice to accept or refuse that. As he faced the consequences for his choices, he looked at me in despair and said, “But Miss – why, why do I keep doing what is wrong? It is like a fire inside me trying to get out. I try to do what is right but cannot.” God is awakening hearts to the need for a Savior!

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