

“Why don’t you put your trust in me?” ~JESUS

Anira\* is an Unto partner and a member of a church-planting team in Central Asia. I was privileged to meet her on my last visit to her city. Recently, she shared this story with me...

“We had a desire to share the Gospel in this particular village but it was hard to come into people’s houses so having these food packages was crucial to helping us get into the door. We came to one family bringing food packages. This particular family was headed by a widow who happened to be a strict [member of the majority religion]. She also had several little children, who had some severe disabilities. When we started sharing the Gospel, she at first argued with us, but eventually she stopped and we continued sharing the Gospel. She listened intently for a time but she didn’t accept our message. However, the next day she called me, and she said that previously, when they were sharing the Gospel, she didn’t receive Jesus. But later that night she had a dream. In it appeared Moses, Abraham, and finally Jesus, yet when Jesus appeared, He said, ‘Why don’t you put your trust in me?’ So when she awoke from the dream, she immediately prayed to Jesus and received Him!

She went on to say that she saw a really big difference between the way [our team] cared for her and the way the [majority religion] authorities did. Once the village [religious leader] gave her the gift of a carpet, and took some photos of her receiving the gift. Then he took the carpet back and left. Yet with the Christians, she saw them giving things she actually needed without expecting anything from her. She went on to give us lots of contacts of other families who she said we needed to go visit—and we will, with the same gifts of material aid and message of hope through Christ!”

\*For security purposes, the name in this story has been changed. I chose a name popular in this country, which appropriately means, “light.” Please pray for Anira, as she and her team continue to shine the light of Christ in a dark place, and reach out to the neighbors in need in this Central Asian village!



Anira (L), with her new sister in Christ. Christ used physical aid, the message of the Gospel, a dream, and the witness of Christians to draw her to Himself! On the home front, Hadley and Great-Grandma Bonnie sew reusable feminine hygiene products for our LuoPad project; Chloe attends the Mobilization Guild with mommy; and Dan helps build the fence for the Unto agriculture team research garden.

