

# FROM ENGAGEMENT TO **BREAKTHROUGH!**

## Breakthrough.

For Global Teams, breakthrough means seeing at least one reproducing community of Jesus followers in a people group. We praise God that with your partnership we've engaged 41 new unreached groups in the last two years! Yet, breakthrough, not engagement, has been our goal.

In II Corinthians 4, Paul says unbelievers are blinded by a veil and cannot see the light of the Gospel. Revelation, literally "un-veiling" in Greek, is required for an unreached people to recognize Christ Jesus. This revelation can dawn gradually as the leaven of the Kingdom penetrates a community, or dramatically as the power of the Kingdom rips back the veil of darkness. This issue of the *Update* documents both kinds of Jesus-honoring breakthroughs.

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# The Kingdom Comes as Leaven

**Solange** has a burning passion to tell people about Christ. Before being trained by GT she had tried to convert Muslims to Christianity without success. After taking Global Teams' training, she confessed, "I was doing it all wrong. I wasn't inviting Muslims to follow Jesus; I was trying to convert them to my church way of doing things!" When Francis and the Africa leadership announced that Swahili Muslims in Rwanda would be our new focus, Solange committed herself to engage them.

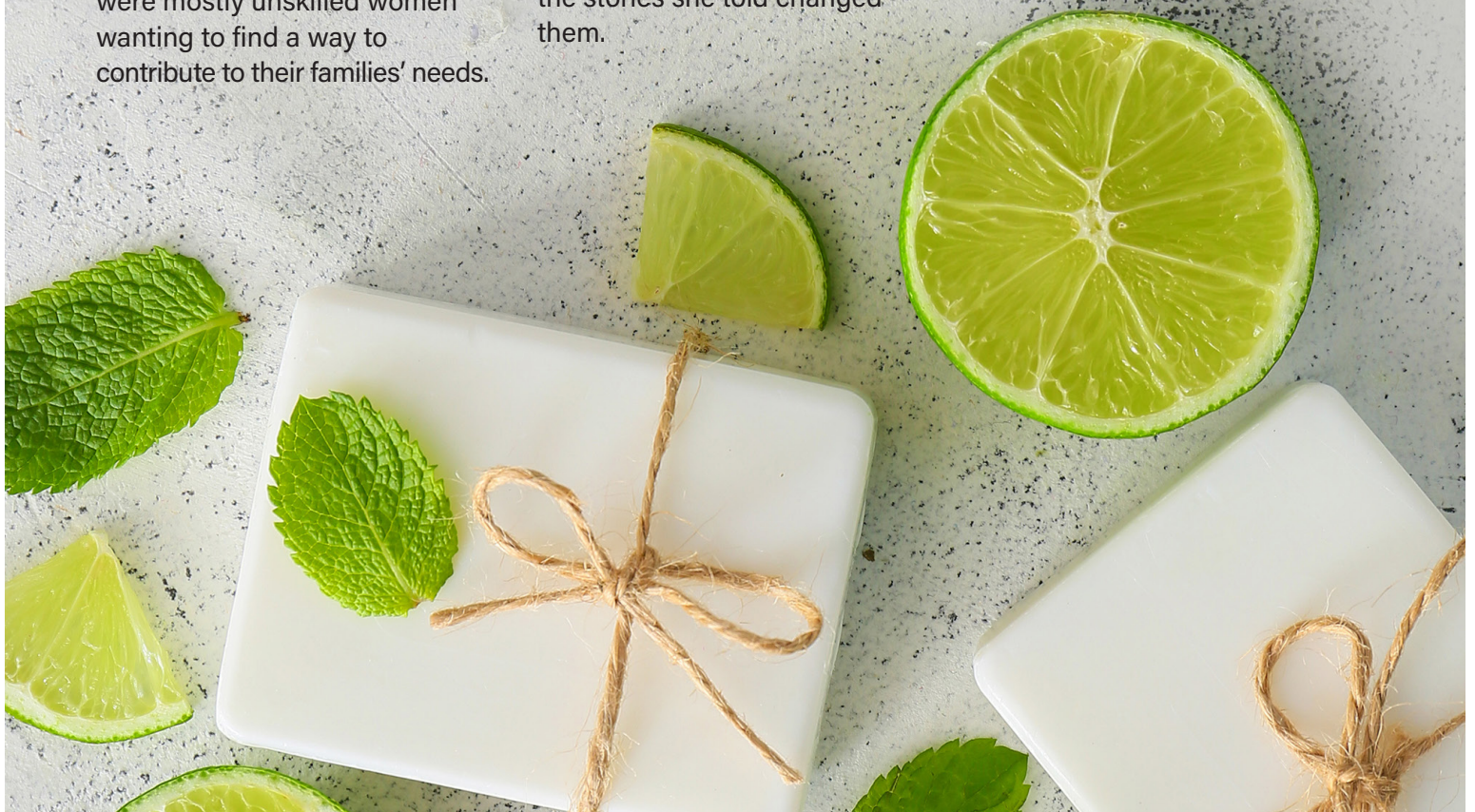
Taking to heart what she learned, she began prayerfully building relationships with Muslim women – seeking to learn their needs and way of thinking about life. They were mostly unskilled women wanting to find a way to contribute to their families' needs.

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Though it would likely cut into her own business, Solange decided to share her soap making skills and her other successful cottage industry businesses. As they gathered to make soap together, Solange would listen and share appropriate stories from the Gospels with the women. Rather than force them to artificially “pray a prayer,” she would ask them questions about what they heard and what it meant to them. Solange's generosity and the stories she told changed them.

The women began sharing what they were learning about Jesus with their families and their spiritual hunger grew. So, when Solange offered them the opportunity to study the scripture together more in depth, they jumped at the chance! Inspired by Jesus' life and teachings, they began inviting others to join them. Eventually, the group became too large.

Since the beginning of the year, Solange has started three different Discovery Bible Studies with Muslim women and children. They in turn are sharing with their families so that several families have begun to follow Jesus. The leaven of the Kingdom is growing in the dough of these Muslim lives!



# The Kingdom Comes in Power

**During** his morning prayers, Sadju had the distinct impression that he should visit a particular village in his district where he was befriending a Muslim family and sharing the teachings of *Isa al Masih*. So, after morning tea he traveled to the village and was warmly received by the family.

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Their sharing was abruptly interrupted by the sound of loud wailing on the street. Sadju immediately got up and went out to find the source of the commotion. Wailing is usually an announcement to neighbors that someone has died and a call for them to offer comfort to the family. In this case, a family's young daughter had unexpectedly died causing tremendous grief.

Sadju followed the sound of the wailing and entered the home. There he found a 12-year-old girl laid out motionless on cushions on the floor. The Holy Spirit spoke clearly to him, “The girl is not dead! You are to pray for her immediately.” Sadju obeyed.

He announced to those gathered, “I am going to pray to God Most High, in the name of Isa al Masih for this girl to come back. If you do not have faith that God will answer my prayer, I ask you to leave the room now.” Most of the gathered Muslims were shocked at his audacity, but in the face of his bold declaration, they left the room. The parents and a few close family members remained.

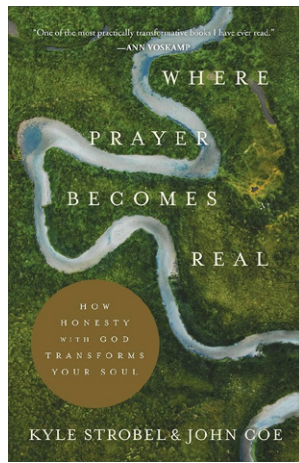
Sadju knelt and prayed out loud a short but bold prayer and the girl sneezed and sat up. Her overjoyed parents swept her into their arms, while she simply stated she was hungry and wanted to eat!

News of this miracle has resounded like a thunderclap through the village and surrounding area with many asking, “What does this mean?” The Kingdom of God arrived in powerful fashion in this South Asian district and now the hard work of inviting Muslims to move from observation to obedience to Jesus has begun.

News of the miracle resounded, and the Kingdom of God arrived in power!

## Take Action!

One foundational value of Global Teams is that we are completely dependent on God as demonstrated by a growing commitment to prayer. We invite you to grow with us in prayer! GT Latin America Co-Director Astrid Hector shared the resource that has recently most impacted her growth in prayer: *Where Prayer*



*Becomes Real: How Honesty with God Transforms Your Soul* by Kyle Strobel.

We want to give this book free to the first twenty people requesting it by sending their name and mailing address to: [contactGT@global-teams.org](mailto:contactGT@global-teams.org)

## Come on and Zoom!

Over 130 individuals from 20 countries participated in our global month of prayer in July. We interceded for breakthrough in 40 unreached groups with whom GT has engaged. To kick off the initiative, we held a Zoom prayer meeting -- in at least four languages. We hope you will join us at our next gathering:

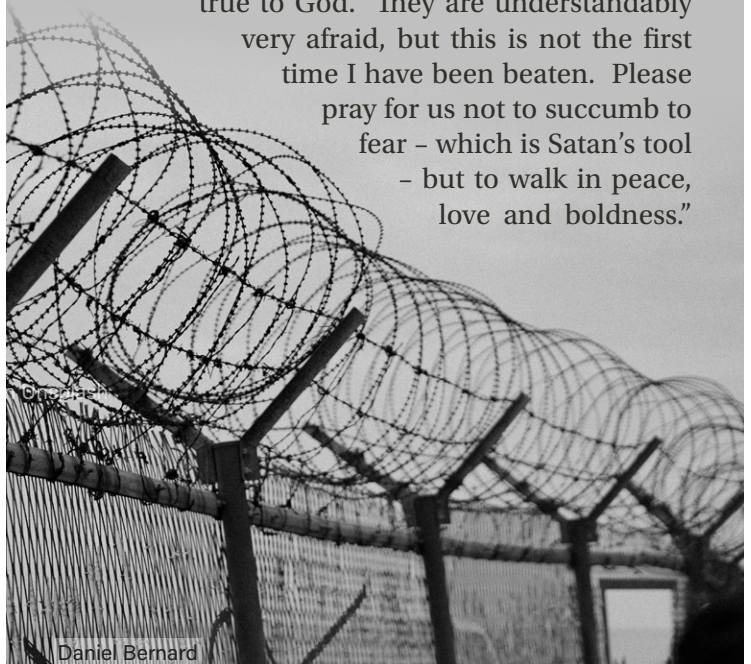
**Saturday, October 19th at 9am EDT**

Email [contactGT@global-teams.org](mailto:contactGT@global-teams.org) for a link.

## Leaders Beaten for Christ

At the end of July, the KGB arrested three leaders of the GT work among Afghan refugees. They were interrogated and beaten, causing ripples of fear to spread through the Afghan believing community. Apparently, an informer posing as a believer attended some meetings to collect the names of leaders. The officers demanded bribes and threatened Tajik leaders with prison and Afghan refugees with deportation.

Our Tajik GT leader reported, "I tell the brothers that this is the normal life for a follower of Jesus. We will suffer persecution if we are true to God. They are understandably very afraid, but this is not the first time I have been beaten. Please pray for us not to succumb to fear - which is Satan's tool - but to walk in peace, love and boldness."



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