





Years of witness lead woman to Christ

by Terry Barone

LA MIRADA — How long does it take for one to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?

Though that timeline differs for each person, one Muslim recently said the Holy Spirit worked in her life for more than 20 years.

Sahar Joyeux* was one of about 1,500 who attended the annual California Southern Baptist Convention Middle-Eastern Conference, held at Biola University July 3-7.

Sahar explained that her journey to find Christ began at age 7 when her father died, leaving her mother, herself and three siblings in Saudi Arabia.

"Because of this tragedy, my family was forced to move in with my mother's family in Riyadh," which she explained was very different from the "loving family I experienced while my father was living."

From 7-21, "I hated my life," Sahar said.

her, gave her a pink Bible, witnessed to her and began taking her to an evangelical church.

"The first Sunday I ever went to church," Sahar recalled, "was on Easter. I remember that day vividly. People were singing. They were happy. It was like a party. I was most impressed by the music. I never heard the melodies of the songs."

She discovered her favorite melody first heard on that Easter Sunday was "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." I remember the alleluia and how peaceful they were."

Deeply immersed in discussions about Jesus with the friend, Sahar explained there were many things she couldn't accept about Christianity even though she had limited knowledge of Islam. "I was Muslim because I was from Saudi Arabia."

Sahar's friend asked many questions about Islam. "I began learning about the Koran and about Mohammed so I could answer her questions, even though I didn't

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Nov. 3rd – Claudia Semple and Ana Colvin

Nov. 10th – Wendy Black and Alexis Smedley

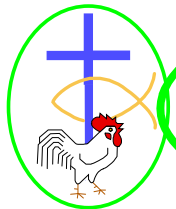


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