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Building relationships at the mosque

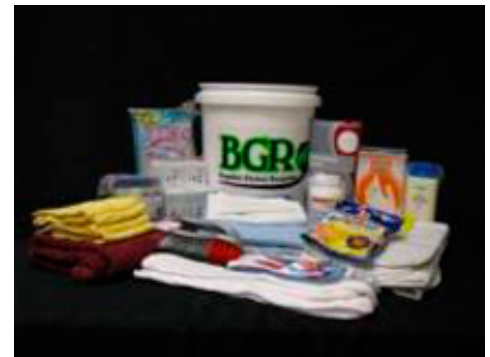
Linda Lesniewski was 45 years old when God opened up the world to her. During a mission vision trip to North Africa, Linda says she "fell in love with Muslim women."

Returning home to her church, she offered a four-week class on how to befriend Muslim women. Hoping for 10 women, she was surprised to have more than 50 women show up for the sessions. Out of that series of classes, women volunteered to teach English at a local Muslim mosque. The future is open. [Meet Linda.](#)



Ten women giving \$10 each equals comfort to AIDS patients

Currently there are more than 22.5 million adults and children living with the HIV virus in Sub-Saharan Africa. Baptist Global Response wants to provide 5,000 In-Home Care Kits to those suffering from terminal illnesses – primarily AIDS – in Africa. Each kit costs approximately \$100. Ten women, donating \$10 each can provide one of these kits. For information and promotional tools, see www.inhomecarekit.org.



Baptist Global Response is a global Southern Baptist relief and development organization with a heart for seeing the poor and suffering have the opportunity to experience a full and meaningful life.

1,335 dresses, made by one pair of hands

A new dress is a remarkable and precious thing in an orphanage in Zimbabwe. This country has been battered by economic collapse, political turmoil, violence and disease in recent years. A cholera outbreak in late 2008 killed more than 4,000 people and sickened at least 10,000. But AIDS is the devastating killer of millions, leaving countless children orphaned. Addilene Leonard, 87, made the 600 dresses delivered to the orphanage. Those were made during a few months when Addilene was also making dresses for children in Haiti. The total? 1,335 dresses that light up children's faces with smiles. [Read more here.](#)



Rubbing people the right way

At first her idea was laughed at, but she stood her ground and insisted that massage therapy was a great way to share the Gospel. When the Thai government closed down a Southern Baptist medical clinic in Chiang Klang, each of the workers was asked to look around and determine the needs in the community. The ultimate goal was a ministry to develop relationships and share the Gospel. Pon, a 39-year-old Northern Thai woman, shared her idea about a massage ministry. When no one seemed interested, she told them, "When you have them flat on their stomach, they are not going to run away from you!" She was right. [Read more](#) about Pon's ministry and prayer requests for other ministries.



Teenager brings clean water to Darfur village

Joshua Guthrie was a troubled teen. The 16-year-old high school sophomore was troubled by the needless suffering of so many people in so many places. Hunger and poverty. War-time atrocities and sex trafficking. AIDS orphans and genocides. But what could a teenager in West Tennessee do to make a significant difference? That's when Joshua read the best-selling book "Do Hard Things." It spurred him on to raise more than \$11,000 to provide a well in a Darfur village. [Read more](#) or visit [Joshua's Web site](#).



Higher Ground Crafts

June and Leta lost their jobs and showed up on the Higher Ground bakery doorstep looking for work. Women at the bakery in Nepal graciously trained the two as bakers. Yet, beneath the surface lay artisans of a different kind: jewelry makers. The talented two learned to create lovely beaded jewelry and, despite their meager education, were able to launch a jewelry branch for Higher Ground. Newly empowered, June and Leta now work to provide for themselves and their families, and they are eager to extend the same opportunity to other impoverished women. When people purchase their jewelry, this helps June and Leta help others. To purchase the spiral bangle bracelets made in Nepal, [click here](#).



WorldCrafts Village is a nonprofit organization that imports handmade crafts from countries around the world. When you purchase from WorldCrafts you assist more than 60 artisan groups around the world who live in poverty.

A beautiful day for an English wedding

A beautiful day for an English wedding When Ellen's pharmacist told her about his daughter's upcoming wedding, Ellen promised to pray for good weather for the day. Later, after the wedding, the pharmacist told her, "I don't know what you did, but it worked." Ellen told him, "Only the Lord can make these things happen." [Read more](#) about the work in Western Europe.

Restrictions lifted on travel to Mexico

The International Mission Board has lifted restrictions on non-emergency travel to and from Mexico by its personnel. The decision, announced May 7, was based on updated information on the swine (H1N1) flu from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization. U.S. churches with imminent mission trips to Mexico are encouraged to continue to stay in touch with local contacts and to monitor CDC recommendations as they make travel plans. [Read more here.](#)



A teachable moment

A South Asia missionary mom and her 2-year-old son were walking down the road when the child pointed to a man coming from the opposite direction and asked his newest question, "Who's this?" His mom told him it was a man walking down the street. Then she heard from the Holy Spirit, "Pray for him." So she did, out loud. It was a short simple prayer for his salvation and when she said, "Amen," her son said, "Maymen!" As they continued walking, they continued praying for every person they passed and the child ended each prayer with "Maymen." Soon they were praying for every house they passed, and then all the houses they could see. The prayers were short and simple, but everyone ended with the 2-year-old's "Maymen!" [Read more stories about South Asia.](#)

*For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.*
— Ephesians 2:10 NIV



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