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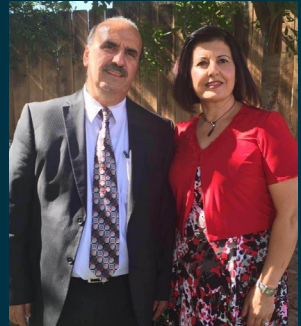
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Mkram and Claude Shahatit lead an Arabic church and outreach ministry dedicated to serving refugees and new immigrants in El Cajon.

Their ministry focuses on:

- Providing essential household items such as used furniture, kitchen supplies, and other necessities to help displaced families.
- Using these practical services as a bridge to share the love of Jesus and introduce the gospel.
- Hosting evangelistic events to foster relationships and disciple new believers.



Many of the people they serve have fled war-torn countries and are in desperate need of hope, stability, and community.

Ministry Goals

- Sharing the gospel with unreached Arabic-speaking people.
- Evangelizing and making disciples who will follow Christ and lead others to Him.
- Building bridges between the church and the refugee community through acts of love and service.

People They Serve

Their ministry primarily reaches:

- Muslims (both Sunni and Shia).
- Catholic immigrants from the Middle East.

Challenges

- Muslim communities have deeply rooted beliefs that differ significantly from Christianity, including a different holy book, prophet, and cultural values.
- Many refugees face trauma and hardship, making trust-building and discipleship a slow process.

Religious Landscape in El Cajon

- Population of Arabic speakers: 90,000+
- Christian believers make up less than 3% of this group.
- There are only six Arabic-speaking Christian churches in the city.
- Largest religions in the area:
 1. Catholicism
 2. Islam
 3. Eastern Orthodoxy

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the ministry to be effective in sharing Christ's love.
- Pray for open hearts among refugees to receive the gospel.
- Pray that Jesus will be known throughout El Cajon.