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#1 Mobile Expert At our 6th Mobile Ministry Consultation, a group of eager learners forms a circle for the after-hours Q&A with Tomi Ahonen. With his trademark pinstripe suit and vest, it was clear who the expert was. Thirty minutes into the breakout, Jon cleared this throat and asked, **"Tomi, you regularly speak to Fortune 500 companies. Why did you pay your own way to spend two days speaking to missionaries who use mobile phones for the gospel?"**



Tomi (upper right) during Q & A.

Tomi lowered his head and admitted, **"Guilt. I once felt called into ministry. I've had a very successful career and I've never given back."** He grew up in the state-sponsored Church of Finland. In a holy moment, two of our people offered words of hope and prayed with him. He lifted his head with tear-filled eyes. The next morning, he opened his keynote with, **"This is the best group I've ever spoken to. If I am traveling in a country where any of you are located, I promise to come and speak to your organization."**

Tomi is the global expert on mobile phone trends. He's been the favorite presenter at our last two Mobile Ministry Consultations where he presented via video conference. To our great surprise, this year he indicated he would attend our gathering in Holland. Tomi was one of the many highlights of our Mobile Ministry Consultation on April 7-8. **100 leaders representing 60 organizations from 30 countries took part. We are grateful to be the leading partnership of mission organizations using mobile phones as a tool for reaching and teaching the nations.**

Turkmenistan This week we are filming in Central Asia and Seattle. We are creating the first-ever indigenous, evangelistic film for Turkmenistan, the third most repressive regime in the world. "Shohrat" is the true story of one of the fathers of the modern Turkmen church.

Tunisia On May 5-7, Shirin is leading a Peace and Security Summit in Tunisia, the only "Arab Spring" country to transition to democracy. Sadly, it has the highest number of returning ISIS fighters of any country in the world. The goal of the Summit is to train 40 key female leaders to use media to foster peace, democracy and religious tolerance. Pray for anointing, protection, and healing for Shirin's "frozen shoulder."

Lebanon After our consultation in Holland I spent several days with Quinn in Beirut, Lebanon. Some observations: **he speaks basic Arabic, he brings great joy to those around him and he's burdened to find economic solutions for refugee women.** He is launching a mobile phone based tutorial business where women can serve as language tutors for those who want to learn Arabic.



Arrival at Quinn's apartment (he lives with 4 Syrian refugees).

We appreciate your partnership!

Clyde! Shirin

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