

Ruqaya...Dallas Theological Seminary



I learned of SMI my first semester of seminary. God was shutting all doors for me to work full-time while going to school, and He seemed to be shutting all the doors in the secular world for me. I did not have any money to go to seminary and was not planning on completing my degree if finances would not allow it.

Because SMI allowed me to receive income for working in ministry, I was able to gain ministry experience and go to school. As a result, **SMI has been facilitating my ministry development for the last four years.** I was able to put my training into practice during my school years and hone my ministry gifts while receiving my degree rather than wait until I graduated.

Through SMI, **God has shown me the value of raising support and the value of partnering with others.** He brought people in my life I never dreamed who could not go where God was sending me (to reach out to Muslims), but they were thrilled to partner in ministry financially and prayerfully. Through all of this, God has kept me humble and dependent on Him. As a result, **God has also allowed me to graduate** from Dallas Seminary with a ThM in Evangelism and Discipleship **without any student loans.** I have grown both spiritually and emotionally because of SMI.

The Lord has blessed me through SMI on so many different levels. As a result of this journey with SMI, I have been able to learn the value of accountability in ministry, receive ministry experience, and develop in my understanding of ministry life. **I am grateful for SMI's partnership and mentorship in my life.** And I am currently so blessed to stay on with SMI for a year after graduation until I transition into a full-time position. It has been a great blessing and privilege to partner with SMI!!