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II. Two Communities = One Home

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Let us stay away from the statistics and let me tell you a short story. On October 29, 1996 a young boy was born in a beautiful country called Oman. For those who do not know Oman, it's a country of fishermen, a country of farmers, a country of mountains, a country of beaches and seas, a country of deserts and valleys, a country of unity, love and peace, a country of families and the seventh neighbor, a county of music and art, a country of mosques and minarets, a country of languages and dialects. Oman has more than sixteen languages and more than six different dialects of Arabic: for example, Jibbali, Swahili, Hindi, Urdu, Hobyót, French, English, Gujarati, Portuguese, Sindhi, Somali, and more. Despite the differences in the dialects and languages spoken in Oman, people are still united through common languages and most especially through their hearts embracing hospitality.

This boy had everything he needed: a loving family, warm weather, great food. However, one day he decided that he wants to try something new. He wanted to leave his comfort zone. So, he came up with a big decision—to study abroad. This decision wasn't the easiest dissection to make. However, with the support of his family and friends, he bought his ticket and he left his family for the first time in his life. He left home, the familiar food, the warm weather to start his new journey to Dayton, Ohio.

The first things he heard when he arrived in Dayton were: “Welcome to Dayton” and “Welcome to the University of Dayton.” When he started at UD, he saw how the people are great. They are kind and always smiling.

He saw people from different religions sitting under the same roof. He saw how they are living and standing side by side. The boy had lived in a Muslim community in Oman. Everyone was Muslim there—at home, at school, in malls, in the neighborhood, at shops. So, to start living in a new community with new people from different religions was something great and interesting for him.

He saw how this community is a multicultural community, where the people were coming from all the different parts of the world. The boy met people from the Middle East, Africa, China, Taiwan, Japan, and Europe. He learned many great things from those people.

He also saw how this community is a cooperative community, where everyone is standing ready to help you with anything you need. In every corner at UD, you will see someone smiling, wishing you a great day, and offering you his help.

The boy learned many things from this community and experience. The first thing he learned was how to speak, how to use his voice. In Oman, he was known as the shy student, the one who sits in the back of every classroom. He was the one who will not express his opinion or thoughts. But today this boy is always in front of his classrooms, ready to speak and share his opinions and thoughts.

The boy learned also how to listen. He learned to hear not only through his ears but also through his heart.

He learned how to work. The 17-year-old boy worked three different jobs here at UD. He worked as an international academic coach (IPAC) and as a presenter for the Global Conversation Culture (GCC) and (Global Success Series (GSS)). He also worked as a TA. He learned how to be responsible, too. Today that boy is living in this great community surrounding with new friends from all around the world.

Finally, he learned how to give. One of the reasons why he worked all those jobs is because he believes this is one way to give back to this great community and the great things UD offered for him. Today, when the boy talks to his family, he is always telling them that he left home to go home. Today, he is living with a great people who he also considers family. This community is a very loving big family.

However, the most important thing that the boy learned was how to give thanks. So, today, this boy is standing in front of you. This boy is Yasir Al Busaidi, the young man who left his home when he was 17 and today he is celebrating his 21st birthday with you all. So, I want to say thank you, UD—for everything.

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OCTOBER 29TH 1996



SULTANATE OF OMAN

THE COUNTRY OF
FISHERMEN

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FARMERS

THE COUNTRY OF
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PEACE

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SEVENTH NEIGHBOR

THE COUNTRY OF
MUSIC AND ART

THE COUNTRY OF
MOSQUES AND
MINARET

HE HAVE EVERYTHING
HE NEED

HOWEVER...

ONE DAY ...

THE BIG DECISION.



ALL RELIGIONS UNDER THE SAME ROOF



MULTICULTURAL
SOCIETY

HE LEARNED

HOW TO SPEAK

HOW TO LISTEN

HOW TO WORK

HOW TO STAND UP

HOW TO BE RESPONSIBLE

HOW TO GIVE

TEAM WORK

NEW FRIENDS



A BIG
FAMILY



LEFT HOME TO HOME



A COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

THIS BOY IS STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU

THANKING GOD

THANKING THIS GREAT COMMUNITY

THANKING YOU ALL



THANK YOU UD
FOR EVERYTHING