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# As the Father has sent me, I send you

**Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims!** We are so overwhelmed by the love shown to us by all of you through your prayers and practical help! We thank the Lord for His continuous presence in all circumstances. While some of our dear supporters departed us to join eternity and others left due to various reasons and responsibilities, many joined us at the last minute to uplift the calling of outreach and to share the gospel of

assurance (Acts 17:3). We send you our warm *Christmas Greetings* and wish you a *Cappy Now Year*.

lesus said:

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples. You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

#### 2016 Review

In comparison to the Western hemisphere, it has primarily been people from the Middle East and South-East Asia who have downloaded hundreds of articles and videos from our websites. Around 50 thousand e-mails were received from genuine Truth seekers. Around 1,200 people are still in contact with us, corresponding on spiritual issues.

Around 200 people who claim to have been Muslims, mostly from the Middle East and South-East Asia, have accepted Christ! While we are still checking the integrity and genuineness of their commitment in order to keep other believer's fellowships safe, a few have been put in contact with local fellowships. It is important to remember the risks involved when connecting former Muslims to local churches. Choosing to follow Christ in some parts of the Islamic world can mean losing your job, community, family, and even your own life. As the church body was reluctant to accept Paul in the New Testament, many churches in the Middle East are leery to accept new believers. As a result, our ministry intentionally partners new believers with local churches to help create harmonious, long-lasting relationships where possible.

This year the following literature was given to help Muslims to know Christ and to equip Christians:

- 2500 packets of the 14 evangelistic leaflets (Several are available for download online.)
- 500 copies of the book Why Follow Jesus (This book is also available on the websites.)
- 150 copies of Into the Light and More than Conquerors
- 200 copies of The Bible and the Qur'an: A Question of Integrity
- 120 copies of Jesus or Muhammad: A Question of Assurance
- Around 2,100 DVDs with messages on Christian-Islam topics given away to help Christians in their outreach to Muslims.
- Several seminars were held and presentations given throughout the country, equipping Christians for outreach to Muslims. Other appointments involved Steven and Karen in radio and Skype ministry, one-to-one outreach, Bible study teaching, mission events, as well as speaking and encouraging participants at our resource table at such events.
- Apart from taking care of the administration and supervising, Karen is very much involved in outreach ministry to both Muslim and Christian women. Karen's first book, Wedding Preparation for Eternity, has proven valuable to many.

### Free DVDs available

We are thankful to the Lord for the generosity of friends! We are able to give the following free DVDs on just one condition: study the subjects and use them to help others to know the Truth!

- "Answering Questions Muslims Ask"
- "Jesus or Muhammad: A Question of Submission"
- "Why do Muslims want to annihilate Israel?"
- 4. "The Two faces of Islam"

# Facing the North American dilemma

We see quite a resistance from Muslims in North America, whereas in the rest of the world there is a different response to knowing about Jesus. We are trying our best in the Lord to equip the body of Christ with a Biblical answer to 'Terrorism' and the influx of 'refugees'. Both Christians and non-Christians are

divided when it comes to Muslims and the violence/terrorism that take place. Instead of thinking, "How can we do our best to prevent these horrific incidents from reoccurring?", many wallow, "What did we as Americans do to cause this hatred towards us?" Even among Christians two extremes of emotion exist: 'Muslims are terrorists and bound for hell', 'Like the Jews they have rejected the real Christ, let them go to hell', or the other extreme, 'The majority of Muslims are good people - my neighbor is a very good Muslim, loving and kind'.

In both cases, many of these Christian friends neglect the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. In both cases Muslims need the love of God and of Christians. They need to know that they do not have to kill or be martyred to enter paradise. God has already sent Jesus to die for us and by believing in Him, all may have eternal life (John 1:17; 3:15-17; Romans 10:14-17).

In spite of this, we are thankful to Him that there is a remnant of Christians who are heeding the call by taking the responsibility to share the truth with Muslims. May the Lord be glorified in it all.

#### **Prayer and Praise Points**

Steven is mentoring 4 Christians in their outreach to Muslims. Please pray that the Lord will lead them as they decide to surrender themselves to full time missions.

Although the number of ministry financial supporters has decreased, two supporters graciously filled that need. We are so thankful for His providence! The ministry is growing and we are in need of more space, especially for video recordings, discipleship and to use it as a safe house.

- Please pray for God to grant safety and boldness to those who have accepted Jesus as Lord but are still weak in their declaration of faith (Galatians 1:6-12). Pray with us for those who are standing for Christ despite persecution across the globe, that they will be encouraged and strengthened in their faith. (2 Thessalonians 2:17)
- Pray with us that the team at Jesus to Muslims will continue to stand for the Truth in the face of all the challenges in the workplace, electronic media, as well as face-to-face and ear-to-ear communication and fellowship (Romans 8:35-39).
- We just printed 5 thousand copies each of 4 leaflets: "God has no wife"; "One Gospel"; "The Bible has abrogated the Bible - Really?" and "God so loves you." We praise Him for providence and pray that the Lord will use them for His glory.
- Please pray with us that Spanish-speaking Bible students, who after a study on Islam with a Christian approach, will give ear to the calling to reach Muslims in their countries.
- Muslim missionaries are working hard among Spanish speaking Christians to convert them to Islam. To overcome this, we are in the final stages to print Steven's book Into the Light and also the 14 evangelistic leaflets in Spanish. Please pray with us that the Lord will use all this to help many people to know Jesus as the only Savior.

## **Jesus to Muslims: Financial Aspects**

Jesus to Muslims relies solely on God through the generosity of our donors: to reach Muslims with the Gospel, to expand our outreach, to hold seminars to equip Christians, as well as to research and publish material for truth seekers.

Funds in total received: October 2016: \$6,566 November 2016: \$9,254

Monthly Need is \$15,000. We praise God for His provision for long awaited projects to be accomplished according to His will. If you are mailing your gift, please use the envelope provided.

For online giving, please go to: www.JesusToMuslims.org and click on "Support". **Donations** are tax deductible.

# More space for the ministry needed

Here is an update on our quest for more office space: We have received a total of \$2,100 toward our project. As you may remember, our goal for this project is \$50,000. The house that we are looking at, which adjoins ours, is currently under contract. We have talked to the owner and they assured us that if the contract fails they would be glad to work with us.

There is another house beside it that also adjoins a portion of our property. It is our understanding that this will also be available soon, so we are working to obtain some information on it.

Please continue to pray with us about this project:

- Pray that the place of God's choosing will be available in a timely manner.
- Pray that we will have the funds in hand when it is time to purchase a place.

We thank you for your love of this ministry and its outreach and for following God's leading as to your part in this project.