



Change We Can Rely On

Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims! The past two months we have been very productive but the highlight of the past week (9 AM - 5 PM, M-F) has been our teaching at a Bible college in Guatemala. In spite of the busy schedule, the students were very dedicated to learn not only about Islam but also how to reach Muslims with the Gospel of Jesus. Then on Sunday, I shared how missions and missionaries in my life helped me to know about Christ and then disciplined me according to the Scriptures. I shared with them my life story: how one man sowed the seed by giving me the gospel of John. It took almost ten years for me to accept Christ as my Savior.



The Lord convicted me to remind those attending and the would be missionaries that there would be times in their lives they would question their efforts for Him. Even at times, their mission committees, not seeing obvious fruit, may question them and may even withdraw their support or call them back for not seeing results. Afterwards, several missionaries came forward to express how God spoke through the message directly to them, including a couple who felt convicted to come for the first time to that church.

We are living in a time where the fast lane, fast food, a quick conversion and a high number in salvations are seen as a success story. If it happens, yes hallelujah. However, in many hard places, like where Islam is dominant or missions are working among Muslims, the process is very slow. It takes years if not months, for example, for a Muslim to make a shift in spite of understanding the message of assurance because a big life change is at stake. For some Muslims, it is the family that rejects them. Others are condemned as apostates and disowned or threatened with death. Yet others may have to flee their abode to start anew. (Luke 14:26-27)

On the other hand, the world has changed drastically. People like spiritual darkness more and more. Many may hear the gospel and like it but in their lives the parable of the sower comes true. At times the seed may germinate but the attraction of this world is so much that they may avoid to be counted for Christ in the real sense. In spite of such circumstances, we should continue in missions to be obedient in praying, pursuing, and persuading those He has called us to share the gospel with (1 Peter 3:15-16) and leave the result to the Father who gives increase (1 Cor 3:6-8). Often, the success in God's eyes is leaving the 99 to pursue the one lost sheep (Matt 18:12). — **Steven Masood**



How can we love our neighbor without the love of Christ?

Politics seem to be the topic of the world today. Even those we met in Guatemala wanted to know what we thought about American politics. It was obvious to me that they understood more than the average American, that this is a spiritual battle - not a political or economic one.

After listening to Steven, one of our precious students surmised that in the name of the Great Commission, we Christ followers need to help these deceived Muslims understand the Scripture in full context. "Wow! My eyes are opened and I now understand what Islam is all about!" said our only female student. My heart was doing back flips, jumping up and down to see how a group of young students of an average age of 25 could "get it" but most adults in America don't.

I saw in these students a sweet, humble and eager spirit to want to know more so they would be ready to share the hope they have in Christ with Muslims, realizing now that Muslims are hopeless and have no assurance. It was so much like the disciples who yearned to learn from the Rabbi. It was so beautiful it brought tears to my

eyes just to think about it. I wanted this experience to linger on forever as I watched my husband flourish in his gifting to teach and the students clearly understood. I really didn't want to leave there! I never saw such a contrast between American culture and true Christianity like I did in this week. I could see poverty and the lack of comfort and possessions all around me as we walked through the town, yet the joy and love of people trumped poverty there. I loved their simplicity of life as the warmth of their love and kindness for people overwhelmed me.



After hearing Steven's testimony, one gal who wasn't in our class told me that she felt the Holy Spirit convict her to reach Muslim women. She shared how communication with people was most important no matter how long it takes. God would give us all we need to do that. How can we love people without telling them the truth? Our time on this earth belongs to God and is short. His heart is to reach all people with the truth of the gospel. God wants to use us to reach the lost. Most people in America are so busy in their own worldly agendas that they make no time for their own intimate relationship with Jesus yet that relationship is the only thing that matters. We all need to give up our own agendas and comfort to God's leading for the sake of eternal souls.

No new president is going to give America hope and positive change, as one man promised. Only Jesus can do that. This nation and world will continue to deteriorate until God himself will destroy all worldly agendas and all people who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. He will say, "I never knew you" even though they went to church and did other religious works but did not have a personal relationship with Him. A new Jerusalem will come where all who have an intimate relationship with Jesus will be with God our Creator, our Father who loves us and promises to be with us forever. Until there is peace between God and people, there will be no peace on earth. Praise God, these Guatemalan, Mexican and Colombian students understood all this.

While in America, Islam says it is the religion of peace, in the rest of the world it is far from being peaceful. Islam focuses on law whereas Jesus is the end of the law. Jesus left this earth after 33 years of living out love by setting the captives free, healing the sick, causing the lame to walk and the blind to see. He didn't kill anyone. Immanuel promises to be with us forever through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us to peacefully love our neighbors and enemies. Loving our neighbor is telling them the truth about their salvation through the only way to our Father - through Jesus, and warning our neighbor about the danger of Islam and the danger of following any lie to receive eternal life. ----- **Karen Masood**

PRAISE POINTS:

We praise and thank God for all the wonderful people we met:

- ❖ During our visit to Lake Charles, Louisiana, speaking and also sharing our thoughts on a 2 hours show for 2 days at KELB Radio.
- ❖ The truck drivers' ministries that are now reaching Muslims after attending our seminar.
- ❖ The 12 weeks *Jesus or Muhammad* Bible study course at Village View and ongoing at Highlands Baptist Church, Ocala.
- ❖ The students of the Perspectives.org classes training in world missions.
- ❖ The continuing of TV/Sat show in the Urdu language.
- ❖ Translation of the leaflets now available in Spanish.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ❖ Please continue to pray for those who contact us, both Muslims and Christians.
- ❖ Counseling Karen gives to women married to Muslims and to those who are considering marrying Muslim men.
- ❖ Support for printing & distributing Spanish leaflets.
- ❖ Ongoing ministry needs with administration and help.
- ❖ Conviction of Americans to share the Gospel with Muslim neighbors.

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We praise God for His providence and expect a rescue according to His will.

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