MUSLIMS ARE COMING TO CHRIST

Despite intense peer pressure and violent persecution, millions of Muslims are being drawn to Faith in Jesus Christ. In "A Wind in the House of Islam, how God is Drawing Muslims around the World to Faith in Jesus Christ", Missiologist David Garrison documents 82 historic Muslim movements to Christ, each of which consist of at least a thousand baptisms, or one hundred new church plants over a two decade period.

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In one Arab nation, an Islamic book publisher, Nasr, was brought to Christ through satellite Evangelism broadcasts. Nasr then started a local ministry, that in one year, baptised 2,800 individuals.

Iranians for Christ

At the time of the Iranian Revolution in 1979, there were only about 500 Christians from a Muslim background worshipping Christ in Iran. Today there are hundreds-of-thousands of Iranian Christians worshipping in house churches in Iran.

Algerians for Christ

Shocked by the violence that killed over 100,000 people in Muslim-on-Muslim violence in Algeria, tens-of-thousands of Muslims have been baptised as followers of Christ since the 1990s.

We Are Empty and Lost

A Sheik in Somalia, who had been involved in drug running, prostitution and extortion, was brought to Christ by a Christian from a Muslim background who had told him that the Blood of Christ could wash away the sins of the world. The Sheik had replied: "That is a lie, because He could never wash away all my sins. I have done terrible things!" The Sheik then said to the Evangelist: "You know when you see people like us with a beard and all the prayer skull cap, you stay away from us because you are afraid of us. The truth is we want you to be afraid of us. But when you see people like me, you need to know that we are empty and we are lost!"

Millions of Muslims Have Come to Faith in Christ

David Garrison has been involved in Missions for 29 years. His book: *A Wind in the House of Islam*, is the result of 30 months gruelling travel throughout the Muslim world and 1,000 interviews. Garrison estimates that between 2 to 7 million people from a Muslim background are now following Christ in the 10-40 window. He documents Muslims coming to Christ through *Jesus* films and New Testaments distributed, through SAT-7 Evangelism broadcasts, through personal Evangelism from Christians and from dreams.

More Than Dreams

Kevin Greeson, the author of, *The Camel: How Muslims Are Coming to Christ*, relates how many Muslims, when shown Matthew 17:1-2: "After six days Jesus took with Him, Peter, James and John, the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light." As Muslims read that passage in the Bible their eyes grew as large as saucers. "That's the Man! That's the One in my dreams! Who is this? How can I learn more about Him?"

To Discover Jesus in the Scriptures

Garrison observes that a Muslim's direct encounter with the Bible is critical. Self-discovery is the most effective. We need to understand how Muslims think and we need to orchestrate opportunities for them to discover Jesus in the Bible. We must be there as a sounding board, but not as a hammer. The goal is not to hammer the truth into them, but to help them discover for themselves the Truths of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Scriptures. Muslims do not like to be told that they are wrong. They

do not like to be told what the truth is. However, when they discover it for themselves, they will own it and they will die for it.

"So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please; and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

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