

MUSLIMS CARE

Most Muslims are concerned about the same things as you and I: raising their children well, fighting crime and pornography. They work hard to pay their bills and survive. Like us, most Muslims sorrow about human suffering and violence, and many yearn for friendship, a happy life, and peace between peoples.

THE CREATOR GOD WORKS AMONG MUSLIMS

Muslim means ‘submitted to God’. Like us, Muslims believe in one God, the Creator of all. Many want to obey God and are sensitive to spiritual things. God appears to them in dreams and visions, just like he did to the religious outsider, Cornelius (Acts 10:1-8). Stories abound of healings because of God’s power through Isa (Jesus). More and more Muslims want to know about God’s dramatic work through Isa.

MUSLIMS SHARE SOME OF OUR BELIEFS

Many Muslims call “Ibrahim (Abraham) their forefather (Romans 4:1). Christians call Abraham “the father of all who believe” (Romans 4:11). Teaching in the Qu’ran recommends the Gospels (Injil), the five books of Moses (the Torat), and the Psalms (Zibur).

Muslims believe that Isa (Jesus) was sent by God, healed many during his ministry, and is returning to judge the living and the dead.

MUSLIMS CAN TEACH US

Most Muslims are more open to discuss spiritual issues than are most of our other neighbors in this so-called ‘Christian’ country. They respect God and his power. Muslims value their families and community, and are often loyal and hospitable friends to outsiders.

GOD IS DELAYING JUDGMENT SO BELIEVERS FROM A MUSLIM BACKGROUND CAN WORSHIP HIM IN HEAVEN.

When God gathers all his people at the end of time, there will be worshippers *“from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing before the Throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, ... crying out in a loud voice, ‘Salvation to our God who sits on the throne’...”* (Revelation 7:9,10).

Yet although Muslim peoples are 1/3 of all groups without a local witness for Jesus, only 1/12 of all Christian missionaries are working among them. We need to reverse this trend that disobeys our Lord’s command.

WHAT CAN CHRISTIANS DO?

ASK YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER TO GIVE YOU A DEEP DESIRE FOR HIS KINGDOM TO COME.

LEARN ABOUT HOW MUSLIMS FEEL AND WHAT THEIR RELIGION TEACHES.

NOTICE AND PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE FROM ISLAMIC BACKGROUNDS THAT YOU MEET.

PRAY FOR HEALING AND REDIRECTION FOR TRAUMATIZED INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS SPREADING VIOLENCE.

ASK THE LORD FOR WORKERS FOR ALL PEOPLE GROUPS WHERE ISA’S (JESUS’) LOVE AND POWER ARE NOT YET KNOWN.

GOD LOVES MUSLIMS

God loves all the people He created, including Muslims. They are made in the image of God (Genesis 1: 26-27), and like all humans they sin and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). God loved them so much that He sent His Son, Isa (Jesus) so that those who believe in Him will have eternal life (John 3:16).

GOD CALLS MUSLIMS TO HIMSELF

God designed all of us to seek Him.

*"From one man, He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth"...
God did this so men would seek Him and perhaps reach out to Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us."* Acts 17: 24-31

Like you and I, God has placed "eternity in their hearts" (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

This material is based on information from the Frontiers website at www.frontiers.org.

Understanding people from other cultures takes work, but person-to-person is the way God has chosen to spread His truth. *Foreign to Familiar* by Sarah Lanier is a very helpful small book.

Some free internet resources:

A wonderful photo-illustrated prayer guide is prepared each year for Christians to pray during the holy month of Ramadan, but it can be used at any time: <http://www.30-days.net/>. Ramadan 2014 will be June 28- July 27.

Two books that are very helpful about Muslims:

The Muslim's Heart, Hoskins

Muslims, Christians, and Jesus, Medearis

To learn more about God's heart for these people who worship our creator, get the Bridges dvd study from www.crescentproject.org or find an Encountering the World of Islam course nearby or online- www.encounteringislam.org.



WHY WE LOVE MUSLIMS



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