

30 Days for the Muslim World

Week 1 : 18 – 21 June 2015



DAY 1

An Unprecedented Turning Thursday, 18 June 2015

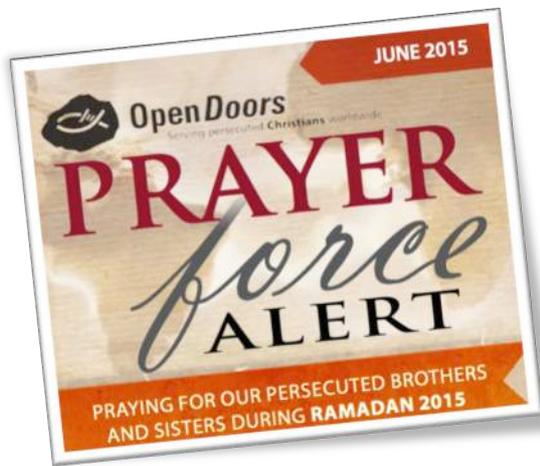
Since the Arab prophet, Muhammad, founded the religion of Islam in 622, tens of millions of Christians have been swept up into it. Islam has more than 1.6 billion adherents today, but the number of Muslims coming to faith in Jesus is increasing rapidly. Many are practicing their faith secretly, but others confess openly that they are following Jesus. Praise the Lord for this testimony!

Pray

- 🙏 Pray that the Spirit of God will continue to sweep through the Muslim world, drawing Islam's millions to a realization of their need for salvation in Christ alone!
- 🙏 Give thanks for the impact of visions and dreams, and Jesus appearing to Muslims, drawing men unto Himself. *And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.* (John 12:32)

Proclaim

- 📣 High and Lofty One, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, we declare the words of Your mouth: *"I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. On this one I shall look: On him who is poor and contrite in spirit, and trembles at My word".* (Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 66:2).



For Christians in Muslim countries, it is a time of heightened pressure. Believers from a Muslim Background (MBB) are particularly wary and must be more careful in engaging in church activities.



China

Please pray for Sister Judy as her family has arranged a marriage for her again. She will marry a Muslim man. Judy is a new MBB and she is not ready to share her new beliefs with her family yet. Arranged marriage is still very common among Muslim ethnic groups in China.

- 🙏 Please pray that Lord will guide Judy to find other brothers and sisters in this new town and continue to grow in her faith.
- 🙏 Let's pray that God will protect her, bless her marriage, and use her to transform her husband and her family.
- 🙏 Please pray that God will strengthen her and show her the right timing and words how to share gospel with her family.

Please pray for **Brother Lion**, a Chinese missionary who serves among Muslims in China. He shares the gospel with Muslims and they decide to believe in Jesus, but the next day they renounce their faith. "It happens a lot," Brother Lion said. "We just need get used to it instead of being discouraged."

- 🙏 Please pray that God will lead Brother Lion to find more people with good soil among the Muslim community.
- 🙏 Let's pray for Brother Lion, that he will continue to have perseverance and faith in God when he is discouraged. May Lord comfort him when he experienced loneliness in the field.

Please pray for Brother Arthur while he is leading a small MBB group and living with other two MBB single men. He expressed his struggles: *"Sometimes I don't know how to lead this group, and the two MBBs tend to be self-centered."*

- 🙏 Without enough discipleship-training and indigenous role models, he has been experiencing spiritual drought and mental tiredness for a couple months. Now he has unusual stomach pain.
- 🙏 Let's lift up Brother Arthur's physical, mental, and spiritual health.
- 🙏 May the Lord heal this pain in his stomach and comfort him when he is discouraged while disciplining MBBs.
- 🙏 Please pray that Brother Arthur will benefit from our discipleship-training program.



DAY 2

Afghanistan

Friday, 19 June 2015

Sharing Christ with Muslims is a great risk.

One man told this story: "I met one of our young believers through a social media website. I was very cautious about meeting him face to face, but I accidentally sent him my mobile phone number. He kept calling me day and night asking to meet me and for copies of the New Testament. I drove to his part of the city along with another young believer, and told my friend, "If you don't hear from me in 10 minutes, take the car and get out of the city immediately"! I gave the man two New Testaments and he was thrilled. He was seeking Jesus and couldn't find anyone in the city where he lives to help him."

Pray

- ✎ Pray for those in Afghanistan who are seeking to understand more about Jesus.
- ✎ Ask that doors be opened for them to find the teachings of Christ.
- ✎ Pray for peace in this nation, and for freedom to worship and pursue God.
- ✎ Ask for the safety and encouragement of those who believe in secret.

Proclaim

- 🔊 Holy Father, according to your Word we declare that blessed is he who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. (Psalm 1: 1-2).



Pray for the Central Asian Church

Millions of Muslims in **Central Asia** are trying to find peace with God while ignoring the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

- ✎ Pray for the opportunity of our brothers and sisters in Christ to demonstrate the love and grace of Jesus to Muslims.
- ✎ Pray for God's protection of the Persecuted Church in Central Asia. One of the main sources of persecution is growing radical Islam. It is known that hundreds of followers of radical Islam in Central Asia are fighting in Iraq and Syria on the side of Islamic State. Many of them are going to fight against the 'infidels' after they return home.



DAY 3

Nine “Rooms” in the House of Islam

Saturday, 20 June 2015

The 8th century Muslim jurist, Abu Hanifa (AD 699-767) divided the world into two houses: the House of Islam (Dar al-Islam, in Arabic) and the House of War (Dar al-Harb).

The House of Islam were nations where Muslims were the dominant population and Islamic law guided the populace into Islamic submission.

Conversely, the House of War constituted countries where Muslims were in the minority (Islam was not yet dominant).

The House of Islam with its 1.6 billion adherents is anything but united. Muslims in West Africa have very different cultural, linguistic and worldview perspectives than Muslims in Iran, Bangladesh or Indonesia, for example.



Pray

- 📖 Today, pray by name for the House of Islam divided geo-culturally into nine distinct regions or 'Rooms': (1) West Africa, (2) North Africa, (3) Eastern Africa, (4) the Arab World, (5) the Persian World, (6) Turkestan, (7) Western South Asia, (8) Eastern South Asia, and (9) Indo-Malaysia.
- 📖 Ask for every individual to hunger and thirst for a deep encounter with the Living God through Jesus Christ.

Proclaim

- 📢 God of peace, we declare Your promise that You, Yourself, will sanctify us completely and preserve our whole spirit, soul, and body blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are faithful, and will also do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

DAY 4

The University of Bangladesh

Sunday, 21 June 2015

Dhaka University (DU) is the oldest and largest university in Bangladesh, and has been a significant contributor to the modern history of the city. Apart from lecturers, believers of various religions are invited to teach as well. This is an opportunity for Christians (a small minority of 0.5%) to be heard in Bangladesh. They can teach the gospel and tell stories about Jesus Christ. About 300 students may read sections of the Bible and learn about the Good News each year!

Pray

- ✎ Pray for the World Religions and Culture department to continue to allow Christian witness.
- ✎ Ask for students' hearts and minds to be open and receptive to the truth of Jesus Christ.
- ✎ Lift up in prayer Christian lecturers and professors that they may speak about Christ with authority.

Proclaim

- 🔊 Lord God of the heavenly hosts, we declare salvation and deliverance to all nations. We declare that Jesus Christ has delivered us from the domain of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
(Colossians 1:9-14).

- ✎ In Bangladesh, 40 children from disadvantaged and vulnerable Christian families are privileged to live, learn, and grow with love and care in Open Doors sponsored 'Children Home'. Pray that each child in this home may find Jesus as his or her best friend at an early age and develop godliness, as they grow older.
- ✎ Most Muslim background churches and tribal churches need clear understanding on basics of Christianity, especially on the Christian worldview. Especially the new believers find it hard to tell the difference between their new and former faiths. Pray for the Lord to use Open Doors' ministry to bring spiritual help to these believers so that they can follow Christ with all their mind, heart, and soul.

