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"...how you turned from
idols to serve the living
and true God."

(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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India Missions and Islam

It may surprise you that India has more Muslims than any other nation, with the possible exception of Indonesia (which is 99% Muslim, and where converting a Muslim receives the death penalty). We can freely teach Muslims in India.

But it may also surprise you to know that Christianity is converting more Muslims in India than in any other place in the world. And the preachers we support and train are a part of that success!

In India the Muslims are more reachable and more teachable:

- Although there are over 172 million Muslims in India, they are a minority at only 14% of the population
- For nearly 1,000 years they have spread all over India. Being so widespread, most Muslims interact with non-Muslims quite regularly.
- Although Hindus and Muslims seldom talk about religion, since there is no common ground, Muslim youth do have religious conversations with Christian friends and co-workers. (You'll remember that young people are more open to questioning the traditions of their elders, in India just as here.)

Muslims consider themselves to be people of the books: Quran, New Testament and Old Testament.

- This means that they are open to conversations about the actual text of the Bible. When they learn that Muslim doctrine contradicts much of what is in the Old and New Testaments, it opens their eyes.
- Much of the Bible, particularly the New Testament is made of actual eye-witness accounts, and by their contemporary companions.
- However, not a single mention of Mohammad can be found in any Arab writing closer than 200 years after Mohammad's death.
- The references to people and places in the Bible is invariably accurate and precise, verified by many historical sources.
- However, the places and people or tribes mentioned in the Quran are inevitably in the wrong place, at the wrong time, according to history.

So, frequently when Muslims are open to conversations about the Bible they are surprised, dismayed. This leads to the fact that more Muslims are converting to Christianity in India than anywhere else in the world.

And your work, with us, is a part of this battle for the hearts and minds. So, thanks to you for your help!

Off to India, Again!

Since the covid closedowns are largely at an end, Dale Foster, Robert Charnock and I are now able to get back into India! Prayers have been answered, to be sure!

Dale will be in India doing his normal teaching and preaching from July 8th-28th. Robert and I will be going from September 14 through October 12.

Working with the airlines is becoming ever more a problem, with delays, postponements, cancellations and ever-changing requirements for Covid. But with your prayers, mission work is often about solving one problem after another. This aspect of mission work has been true ever since Abraham was sent away from his home, and Paul was sent to teach the Gentiles.

As you read this, I'll be in Texas visiting churches and making reports. Please contact my daughter Rachel to arrange for me to visit with you about this challenging and fruitful work!

Please know that you are in our prayers, just as we are in yours, all to the glory of God and the growth of His church!



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