

Light the Darkness

Ramadan 2026

[\(Cape Town, 2012.\)](#)

Depending on the sighting of the crescent moon,
Ramadan will start on the evening of Tuesday, February 17,
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Day 01 Jesus is the fulfilment of all Muslims' hopes during Ramadan

During Ramadan, Muslims believe that the devils are locked away. *"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." Colossians 2:15*

They believe that the gate to paradise called *Ar Rayyan*, is thrown wide open into *Jannah* (heaven) – a special door into heaven *"Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved." John 10: 7–9*

Muslims believe that they will get extra rewards when fasting during Ramadan *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8–9*

They believe that all their sins are removed during Ramadan *"He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2*

They believe that they grow closer to Allah *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them." 2 Corinthians 5: 17–19*

They shouldn't tell lies, be rude and should generally exercise self-control *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5: 22–23*

They believe that fasting during Ramadan purifies the soul *"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven." Hebrews 1:3*

It's a time to worship Allah *"God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24*

They believe that all their duaas (prayers) come true *"If you remain in Me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." John 15: 7*

They believe that fasting during Ramadan is a shield against the Hell fire *"Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son" John 3:18*

Please pray

- That Muslims will see that all their hopes have already been met in Jesus Christ. They will be fulfilled when they believe in what He's done for them on the cross.
- That Jesus will reveal Himself to Muslims in ways they cannot deny that it's Him. He has revealed Himself to many Muslims through dreams and visions who have then turned to Him.
- For open doors for the gospel into the hearts of Muslims.
- For Christian workers who reach out to Muslims to have wisdom on how to approach them during Ramadan.

Many Muslims from various different countries come to South Africa every day. This is the perfect opportunity for us to share the good news of Jesus with them. Just from North Africa and the Middle East, there are basically four groups of Muslims who come to South Africa:

1. Many come from Egypt, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, but some also come from Jordania. They are hairdressers or work in restaurants. These people come here for employment. They have family and friends in South Africa who help and support them.
2. The second group of Muslims come when they have their summer holidays which they choose to spend in our country. At a guess, about 20% of these visitors have open hearts to receive an Injil (Arabic New Testament) and have spiritual conversations, because God has prepared their hearts.
3. Throughout the year, mostly from Saudi Arabia, we receive couples who come here for their honeymoons.
4. Many young people, mostly men, come to study English. They are mostly from Saudi Arabia, but also Oman, Qatar and Kuwait. They come for two weeks to six months. Some extend their stay for another six months and yet another six months. A few come to study at university.

Recently, when we were distributing Injils and QR codes, I noticed a group of three women, a teenage girl and some children who looked like they were from Saudi Arabia. They were with an Arab man, and another person who did not look like he was from the Middle East, however he spoke perfect Arabic. I myself am South African but speak Arabic. I immediately started to chat with him and discovered that he was from Afghanistan. We were joined by his Arab-looking friend, while the women and children kept a distance. The man from Afghanistan told me that he moved to Saudi Arabia as a young man and started working there. It turned out that he is a businessman who travels all over the world. He loves South Africa and started to speak a few sentences in Afrikaans which totally stunned me.

What was unusual was that he immediately started to ask questions. He wanted me to explain certain things to him. I asked my Egyptian Christian friend to join us, and the conversation just went to a deeper level of understanding. Both the Saudi and Afghan men accepted Bibles as well as QR codes. We spoke for about 45 minutes. They had all the time and patience to ask questions and listen, and a few times they even double checked what we were saying. So incredible!

My Egyptian friend is still interacting and communicating with them regularly.

- Please pray for these two gentlemen, especially the Afghan. His influence will be crucial with his friend and how receptive he will be.

It is important to know that there are Muslims coming to South Africa who are open to hear the gospel. As South Africans, when we encounter these people, we can greet them and visit with them and trust God for opportunities to talk about the hope we have in Jesus.

Day 03

We are Muslim!

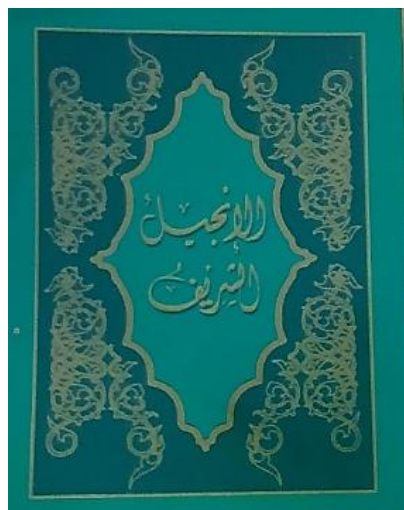
One evening, I met this family queuing at a restaurant, a father, mother, two grown daughters, a boy who was maybe 10 years old and a sister around 7. The man looked much older than his wife and after greeting them and presenting them with an Injil, he was abrupt and quick to say no, he is a Muslim. I told him but this is the Injil, a Book from God. (The Quran portrays the *Injil* as a holy scripture.) He then asked me if Muhammad was mentioned in this book at all. I answered (respectfully, in Arabic) that the Injil was written long before Muhammad and even the Quran existed. The women started to become verbal and one of the older girls said: "Oh he has the Injil". The mother was very harsh and again said "We are Muslim!" The father took the Injil at first, handed it back, then took it in his hand again, paging through it. This back and forth happened a few times. Finally, he grabbed the Injil out of my hand and then asked me a surprising question: "Do you have another copy for me?" "Yes", I said, and handed him another one. I was amazed and without words for a moment. Finally, I said in Arabic: "You are so welcome", to which he gruffly said: "Thank you" and turned around, signalling that our time together was over... PRAISE the LORD!

Another evening, in a very similar fashion, I saw another family entering a public area. It was a husband and wife with three grown daughters, and a boy who looked maybe 10 years old. Again, after greeting them and showing them an Injil, he said that he is a Muslim and that our book was changed. I said to him that this was not possible and a conversation started. It was hard but worthwhile. His wife also came closer and repeatedly said, "changed, changed". I could slowly take him back to 300 years before CHRIST using the printed date in the Injil and explained more about its originality. There was more back and forth in our conversation. The women started chatting to each other on the side. The father just said, thank you, signalling that he did not want to take it. I told them no problem, that it was all O.K. and that they must have a good evening. As I started walking away, the father grabbed my arm and ask if he could have the Injil. Again, I was surprised and overwhelmed and handed him a copy. I greeted them again and we went our separate ways. PRAISE the LORD!

Please pray

- For these two precious families – that they will study the Injil and that their entire families will put their faith in Christ.
- We trust God that more visitors will be prepared to receive an Injil.
- That as Muslims arrive in South Africa, they will have multiple opportunities to hear the gospel.

Gulf Partnership Outreaches



Day 04

You Hold the Key

"I will give him the key to the house of David - the highest position in the royal court. When he opens doors, no one will be able to close them: when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them." Isaiah 22:22

The key-bearer is the person with the power or authority over the object ... think of a car, homeowner or prison guard. In this verse it does not only mean authority and responsibility, but also authority over the royal court and government. We see in Revelation 3:7 that Jesus is the fulfilment and bearer of this 'key.'

A few years ago, someone in Bo-Kaap asked me to look in his old garage to see if there was anything that we could use in our workshop. Among other things, I came home with a few old keys. I had previously made a wooden key rack of Bo-Kaap and hung the big old keys there. One morning in my quiet time it felt like our Father said these are the "keys" to Bo-Kaap, to open homes and hearts for Him.

One day I saw the shape of a cross, made by the shadow of the keys on the wall. It became just another confirmation for me that Jesus is the key – that He transfers His authority (keys) to us, His church, to open or close doors in the spirit world, in His authority.

After Peter's confession that Jesus is truly the Christ, in Matthew 16, Jesus hands over the "keys" to Peter on the basis of this confession. *"And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."*

As Christ's church we have the keys (authority) to close the gates of hell and to pray His Kingdom down to earth.

- Let us then stand in this given authority and close the gates of lies and deception of Islam in the name of Jesus and pray that His Kingdom will come in Bo-Kaap!
- Over 90% of people living in Bo-Kaap are Muslims. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them to understand that Jesus Christ, not the performance of rituals, is God's merciful answer to their need for salvation.



(Bo-Kaap from roof of Strand South hotel, Cape Town, 2018.)

Day 05

Reclaiming our ground

What do Pretoria West Dutch Reformed Church, Langlaagte Dutch Reformed Church in Johannesburg, Rondebosch East Church Complex, Durban's Samora Machel (Aliwal) Street Church all have in common? They were all Christian churches, purchased by Muslims and converted into Islamic institutions. Reasons differ from demographic shifts, financial constraints, repurposing, transforming "old buildings" into vibrant community hubs such as Social Service Centres, schools, daycare centres and so on.

These are shocking realities, a loss of Kingdom territory and a spiritual change in those communities, and it makes one wonder about the words: *"Prayer moves the hand of God that moves the world."* (C.H. Spurgeon), *"Pray without ceasing."* (1 Thessalonians 5:17), *"Continue earnestly in prayer."* (Colossians 4:2a).

What are we to make of our Muslim neighbours, shopkeepers, schoolteachers? We must pray first. E.M. Bounds put it like this: *"Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still."* The Church must pray in Bible studies, prayer groups and as individuals. All Christians must offer prayers that "move the hand of God," prayers against the evil forces working to tear churches, Christian communities, and households apart. For when Christian churches and communities fall apart, then so does society. The Church should be aware of what is going on both inside and outside its walls. Pray.

Practical ways to pray

- Proclaim God's Word over an area or situation (Isaiah 55:11).
- Read the Psalms aloud as a proclamation.

One prayer group was sent out during one of their meetings to walk in the streets around their church and to simply pray as they walked past houses or shops. When they regrouped, they were so excited, because they experienced the Holy Spirit's prompting to pray for specific needs that they noticed where they walked. To them it was both powerful, easy and faith-boosting. It's not difficult - anyone can do it. If you can't walk, sit in your car and pray. We also need to spend personal time in God's Word, because it changes us, it changes our hearts and through it we learn about God's heart for us and the lost. The more we pray for people, the more we love them and the more we see their need for Jesus. When we pray, we are drawn into God's power field where His will becomes our will. When we take courage to engage with Muslims about spiritual matters, we have confidence that God is with us and will lead and guide us as to what to say. We should also befriend Muslims; they are not our enemy - Islam is. They need Jesus, just like we do.

Please pray

- For churches in these areas: for their shepherds and sheep, to stand strong, persevere, pray and to engage! A praying church is a thriving church - a victorious church - all for Jesus!

"Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers." J. Sidlow Baxter

~J.

Western Cape

Day 06

Somalis in South Africa

The country of Somalia - located in the Horn of Africa - is a staunchly Muslim country with an evangelical population of 0.1%. In the mind of a Somali, "to be Somali is to be Muslim". There is simply no alternative. Years of unrest and conflict has led to a mass exodus of Somalis from their country, who leave seeking better prospects and a more secure and safe future. For us, this is an opportunity just waiting to be stepped into. The Somali population in South Africa sets before us a harvest field that is simply begging for workers. As someone working among Somalis here in South Africa, I have experienced firsthand the joys of getting to love and share Christ with these dear people. I will take a moment to share just a couple of stories that will shed light on the joys but also challenges of reaching this precious people group with the gospel.

Myself and my ministry partner, have a dear Somali friend who does henna for ladies as a business. For almost two years we have had the privilege of growing a friendship with her and being able to share Christ with her. As we've grown close, our greatest joy has been the opportunities God has given us to listen to the Bible in Somali with her. As Christians, reading the Bible may seem an everyday activity, something we take for granted. But for a woman from Somalia - the second most persecuted country in the world, according to World Watch list of Open Doors 2026 - to hear the very Words of Jesus is not something that can be taken for granted.

I want to encourage us as believers, in our efforts to reach Muslims with the gospel, to rely less on our own words, but to take every opportunity to get into the Word of God with our Muslim friends.

A few months ago, in this same community of Somalis we met a new, older woman. Her English was quite limited (and our Somali certainly not up to scratch) so after a fairly broken conversation, we gave her a tract in Somali to keep, which she accepted. Afterwards, we moved on to visit another woman who worked at a shop close by. As we were sitting with the second woman, a Somali man came in: holding the tract we had given to the first woman. He sternly questioned us, asking if it was us who had given her the tract, which we confirmed. He was very unhappy with us and told us not to go back to her. He then began to sharply question the second woman as to why she would let us Christians sit with her.

This story sheds light on one of the prevalent challenges of reaching Somalis with the good news. Their community does not want them to be exposed to or engage with the gospel. A Somali may be curious but not show it outwardly because of pressures within the community, this is particularly true for women who are often under the close watch of their men.

I know that prayer changes things. So please join me in praying for these dear souls. And I urge you to consider what you can do to reach Somalis with the gospel. Christ has given each one of us authority and power to go and make His name known to all peoples and tribes. You don't need to be an expert, you simply need to be a vessel yielded to your heavenly Father's use.

Please pray

- For authentic and deep relationships of trust, truth and love between Somalis and Christians in South Africa, and worldwide.
- For Somalis to be exposed to the Word of God in their own language, and for the resources for Christians to be able to facilitate this.
- That no Somali would be held back from seeking the truth because of fear. Also pray for the breaking down of structures, behaviours and strongholds in Somali communities that would seek to prevent others from hearing the gospel.
- For these people who believe their Islamic faith is inseparable from their identity as Somalis, may they see that only in Christ will they truly become who God made them to be.

Day 07

Dealing with Disillusionment

The leftovers of the meal lay scattered across the table; a lovely lunch shared with friends from Iran who have been studying in, and working from, Stellenbosch for the past several years. But as we finished eating, the conversation shifted from academics, the stresses of work and small talk about life in South Africa, to questions of faith and the fears and frustrations of the present situation in Iran.

"We can't even reach out to our family to see if they are safe."

"So many people have been killed."

"We don't know what will happen, but we want change in our country; we want freedom... we want hope."

Disillusioned with Islam and filled with fear and uncertainty about the unfolding crisis in their country, our Iranian friends long for the freedom, peace, joy, and hope that only God in Christ can give. For those abroad, in places like South Africa, they long for community, comfort, and support from others as it seems the world has turned a blind eye on their country and people. As Christians, we have an incredible opportunity to enter into these spaces and to journey alongside such people in our communities. This is especially true for me and for our congregation, Stellenbosch International Fellowship, as we reach out to, and serve the large international population at the university and broader community.

And because of everything happening in this time, many of them are open to discussing the big questions of life: identity, meaning, purpose, faith and God. That is how I ended our time together after lunch. As we cleaned up and they prepared to leave, I simply shared the reason for the hope I have. A hope rooted in the person and work of Christ and the Kingdom of God; one with innumerable applications to our lives, communities, and nations.

I told them I would be praying for them, their families, and for their country. We pray to the Triune God who hears our prayers, knows our pain and suffering, comes alongside the poor and oppressed, the hurting and helpless, and has acted decisively by entering into our broken world in order to bring redemption to bear on all creation, and who will ultimately bend all things towards justice and righteousness and peace.

- Please pray for our church, and more churches across the country, to faithfully walk alongside our struggling Iranian friends and to offer them Christ, pastoral care, community and support, especially in areas like Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban.
- Pray that as they hear the Word of God, the seed will fall on good soil, and that their fear will turn into faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for peace in Iran, for justice and good change that will help people to flourish.
- Pray for the church in Iran to be a witness to Christ and the Kingdom in this time, offering hope and powerfully caring for people in need.

Pastor Tyler Helfers
Stellenbosch International Fellowship

Day 08

Jameelah - Beautiful Inside and Out

One of the places where Jameelah reaches out, are in blocks of flats where the tenants are predominantly Muslim. It is very difficult to build relationships with Muslim women. They are not allowed, usually by their husbands, to speak to others, especially to Christian women or to receive them in their flats.

- Please pray for opportunities for Christians to witness to these Muslim women.

These communities have WhatsApp groups that everyone in the flats can be part of, but because the majority are Muslim, they restrict the posting of religious messages that are not Muslim.

- Pray that the WhatsApp messages Christians do manage to send out will make an impact on the hearts of Muslim ladies.

Many workers in the Jameelah ministry are getting on in years. Some are sickly and are not able to continue to reach out to Muslims. Just in Cape Town three of our leaders passed away.

- Please pray for more women to get involved in the Jameelah ministry.
- Pray for the future of Jameelah as we are changing the way we do ministry. We, the SIM mission organisation, are in the process of handing over the ministry to churches. In this way more people can be reached. We need more people from church to get involved.
- Please pray with us that this take-over will happen in every province. Muslims are everywhere.

Our vision: A Christian friend for every Muslim woman

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. - Isaiah 61:1-3



(Namaqualand Wildflower Carpet, M.Heigan, 2007.)

Day 09

Asking the Right Questions

The Fazale Rab Ministry (also known as God's Grace Ministry) reaches out to Muslims in South Africa and Pakistan using apologetics, polemics and interfaith dialogue. We train Christians to ask Muslims good questions and provide answers to their questions about our faith. If your congregation, network or small group is open to being equipped, let us serve you.

Please pray for our responders. Through our media outreach on Facebook and YouTube, we receive plenty of messages from Pakistani Muslims.

- Pray that God will bless and guide our two responders who are diligently helping Muslims to know the truth, Ashfaq and Zubair.

Pray for the believers from a Muslim background, we have a good number of new believers.

- Pray that they will be more active in our discipleship classes.
- Pray that they will have the courage to share their faith with others.

Pray for resources.

- Pray that God will send the right people and resources to strengthen our ministry.

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(Rashid, 2015.)

Day 10 A Prayer Guide for Engaging Muslim Women in SA

Muslim life in South Africa exists within a society shaped by freedom of religion, diversity, and open dialogue. Many South African Muslim women participate fully in education, work, and public life, while still navigating strong family and community expectations. This environment can create space for spiritual curiosity and honest questions about faith, belonging, and purpose. As Christians, we are invited to respond not with fear or pressure, but with love, humility, and trust in God's work. *"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise... but is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."* (2 Peter 3:9)

Praying for Genuine Relationships

- Pray that God would help us build sincere friendships marked by love, patience, and respect. May our lives reflect Christ in a way that draws others gently toward Him. *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* (John 13:35) *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16)

Praying for Safe and Trusting Spaces

- Ask God to provide safe and peaceful environments where Muslim women can explore spiritual questions without fear or pressure. *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."* (Psalm 46:1) *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..."* (Galatians 5:22-23a)

Praying for Wisdom and Sensitivity

- Pray for wisdom to speak with gentleness and to act with cultural and relational sensitivity, especially where family and community dynamics are involved. *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."* (James 1:5) *"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."* (Colossians 4:5)

Praying to Share a Biblical Worldview with Grace

- Pray that when conversations about faith arise, we would speak with clarity, humility, and compassion - always pointing to Jesus. *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."* (1 Peter 3:15) *"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."* (Psalm 119:105)

Trusting the Holy Spirit to Convict and Lead

Above all, we acknowledge that transformation is God's work. We are not called to convince or convert, but to faithfully point others towards Christ and a biblical worldview. *"When He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."* (John 16:8) *"So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."* (1 Corinthians 3:7)

- Finally, Lord, teach us to love as You love, to listen as You listen, and to walk humbly with those You place in our path. Give us wisdom, patience, and courage. May our words and actions reflect Your truth, and may Your Holy Spirit gently lead hearts to You in Your perfect time. Amen.

Day 11

Laudium

Laudium, south-west of Pretoria-Central, was officially proclaimed an Indian township in 1961. Present day Laudium is still predominantly Indian but has a mixture of other races and nationalities as well.

Even though it used to have a roughly equal Hindu and Muslim population, with Christians being a small minority, today the Muslims are the dominant community. There are 18 mosques, 5 Islamic schools (academic and Islamic) and numerous Madrassas (Islamic schools where children study the Qur'an) in Laudium, as well as in the neighbouring suburb of Erasmia which is also predominantly Muslim.

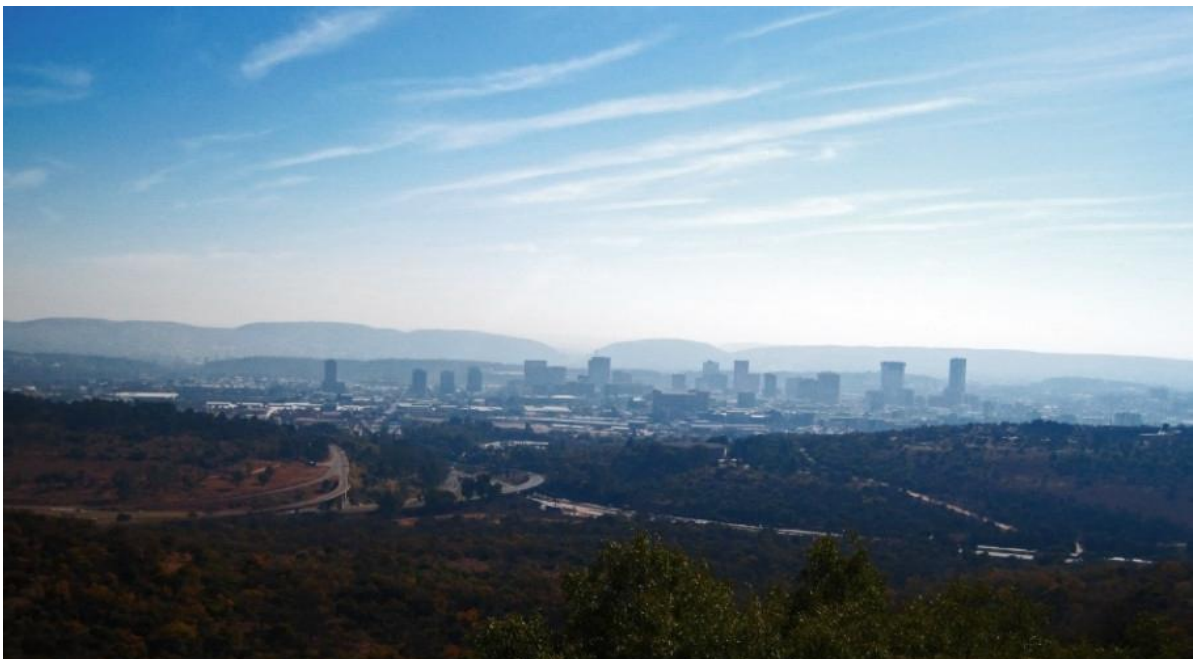
These South African Muslims are mainly Memon (originating from Gujurat, India) and Konkani (originating from Maharashtra, India) besides others. There is also a growing Pakistani community and it is becoming more and more common to hear Urdu being spoken everywhere in Laudium. Other Muslim foreign nationals from Malawi, Somalia, Nigeria, Egypt, Bangladesh and others also make up a substantial part of the population.

Although there are 7 churches of different denominations in Laudium the Christians are a small minority.

Please pray

- For our Christian brothers and sisters to proclaim and live the gospel in this community. Pray that the truth of the gospel will shine through their lives.
- For perseverance in often hostile circumstances, because Christians live and witness in an Islamic stronghold.
- For Muslims in these communities to come to know Jesus so that they can take the good news back to their own countries.
- For a manifestation of God's rule to be established in the society. May it be characterised by peace, righteousness, and the knowledge of Jesus.
- For outreaches in Laudium – for wisdom on how best to serve the community in word and deed.

Gauteng



(Pretoria City View From Schanskop, 2026.)

Day 12

Fruit of Prayer

God recently opened a door for me to minister to a Syrian community. I met them through amazing sisters who have a heart for sharing the gospel, specifically with Muslims. Through that connection, I was able to build friendships, visiting their homes for tea, meeting for coffee, and doing life together which became a space of genuine trust.

Over time, some from the community became curious and visited church a few times. They really enjoyed it. Then, privately, two men approached me and said, "We want to become Christians. There is something about the joy and peace you and the people in the church carry. How do we have that?"

I was honestly taken aback. Using a translator, I shared the gospel with them, and they said they wanted to accept Jesus. Almost immediately they asked, "When can we be baptized?" After explaining baptism, they decided they wanted to receive it the very next day. By God's grace, everything came together - including the arrangement for a pool. In 24 hours, they were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized. It was a deeply joyful and humbling moment.

This was clearly the fruit of prayer. There was no long process or striving, just a divine encounter. It felt like a veil was lifted and scales fell from their eyes. God opened their hearts in a powerful way. They are currently secret believers for safety reasons, but God is clearly opening doors into this community. What a privilege to witness His work and the power of prayer.

- Pray that God will plant a seed in the hearts of every member of this Syrian community, that they will start to seek Jesus.

Since the fall of Assad in Syria, Islamic oppression, already the leading cause of persecution, has intensified, particularly by jihadist groups.

Please pray

- For converts from Islam and all other believers - the Muslim radicals are tormenting and killing the non-Muslims.
- For God's protection over Christian families, especially the women, who are constantly being threatened...

Gauteng



(Pan Street Pretoria HDR, P. Saad, 2014.)

Day 13

Discovering God's Word

I am a Somali who accepted Jesus' free gift of salvation. I have an online ministry that I use to reach Somali Muslims with the good news of Jesus Christ, here in South Africa and abroad.

I met "Farida" online, a Muslim woman from Somalia. At first, she did not want to listen to teachings about Jesus.

She refused many times, argued and was afraid.

But I did not stop.

We studied the Bible together three to four times weekly. For months we read the Bible together. We prayed. We talked.

One night, she had a dream. In the dream, someone called her name three times. She woke up, but nobody was there. Later she told me about it.

I showed her the story of Samuel in 1 Samuel 3. God called Samuel three times in the night.

She was surprised. She saw that God knows her. God was speaking to her heart. After that, we continued studying the Bible and, slowly, she began to believe. Eventually she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Saviour.

Today this sister is living in Ethiopia, and is married to a Christian man who also comes from a Muslim background.

- Praise God with me that they are raising their children in the Christian faith.

This is the power of God's Word. God is faithful.

~A.

Wherever there is a Somali community, the law of apostasy holds, even here in South Africa. This makes the miracle of conversion so much bigger.

I am a believer who come from a Somali Muslim background. I'd like to share with you how faithful God has been in the life of a young woman "Abyan" who is my Somali compatriot. "Abyan" has recently put her faith in Jesus and she will be baptized soon. She has walked away from her family because they are threatening her, she has been completely alienated.

Please pray

- For "Abyan" that God will help her to start a new life, while desperately missing her own people.
- For the planting of a Somali church in South Africa.
- For my ministry as I preach the gospel among my own people.
- For my family as we navigate the journey of ministry, that we will grow in our faith and seek ways to reach out to even more of our own people.

With love,

~K.

Day 14 What God has been Doing in His Field

On 1 August 2024, a small group began meeting weekly to pray together for our area of ministry. Now, up to fifteen people gather online for an hour every week, consistently bringing before the Lord the people of this area and the work He is opening to us there.

Out of this sustained prayer, practical avenues of service began to emerge. In June 2025, English classes were launched, serving mainly Somali women. These classes have now been running for eight months, and over this time deep and meaningful relationships have formed between the tutors and the women attending. What was initially only language support brought these women trust, dignity and shared life.

A clear testimony of God's provision has been access to a suitable facility. The local Catholic church kindly allowed us to park on their premises. Recently, we were granted permission to use their classrooms, which one of our leaders then painted and decorated, transforming it into a warm and welcoming space. This has become more than a classroom—it has become a place of safety and belonging.

In addition to the classes, members of the team regularly go out on Thursday afternoons to engage the surrounding community, mainly Somalis and Malawians. Through these consistent street engagements, friendships are forming and everyday life is being shared.

One particular encounter stands out. A Muslim woman approached some of our ladies in the street and asked to meet them in private. When they took her outside of the area to a place where she felt safe from prying eyes, she asked a simple but profound question: *"Is Jesus good?"* She shared that someone had once told her Jesus is good, and that she herself had become weary of the suppression and bondage she experiences within her local community. The ladies took time to explain the gospel clearly and gently. They were also able to involve a born-again Somali man by phone, who spoke to her in her own language. The three women shared a meal together, and during this time she indicated that she had decided to place her trust in Jesus. We are trusting God for her continued discipleship and we continue to pray for her protection, growth, and strengthening in faith.

Across our area of ministry, we are witnessing the quiet, faithful work of God: prayer preceding action, relationships forming, doors opening, and hearts being drawn toward Christ. We give thanks to God for what He is doing and remain attentive to how He continues to lead.

Please pray

- Pray for workers for the harvest, as the harvest is ready.
- Pray for continued provision—financially, relationally and practically.
- Pray for access and favour with community leaders, and for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of faith-community leaders.
- Pray for protection and growth for new believers, especially those from high-risk backgrounds.
- Pray for the establishment of a local church in this area.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as we explore the development of a community centre with multiple disciplines serving the area.

Day 15 Unreached People Groups in South Africa

- Thank you Father for breaking into the hearts of unreached people in our city with Your love.

We have seen the Lord remove rocks and prepare the soil for the gospel to be planted, since a group of prayer partners have started praying together weekly for the Muslim asylum seekers in our city. A group of men have already started a discipleship program among a certain cultural group, after some Muslims put their faith in Christ.

- Please pray for the men doing the discipling, as well as those being disciplined, that the Holy Spirit will help them grow spiritually and will make them fruitful.

Another cultural group in the area where we minister come from the second most persecuted country in the world, according to the World Watch list of Open Doors 2026. We provide them with English classes, but there are many obstacles, from moms who want to study but can't even afford to send their children to school, to men who also want to study, but we can't find an English teacher for them. There is also resistance from the Imams.

Despite these challenges, we have clear guidance from the Holy Spirit who has been working behind the scenes in people's hearts. The most unexpected people come to us to find out more about Jesus Christ.

- Praise our Father in heaven for drawing these unreached people in our country, to Jesus.
- Pray with us that the Lord will bring repentance, salvation and revival among them that will spill over to their country of birth.

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Day 16 Seeds of Hope and Understanding

In our ministry of reaching out to young people, we give thanks to God for opening doors of goodwill and understanding in our community. Recently, we have been blessed with opportunities to engage with members of our local Muslim community. These interactions have been marked by kindness, respect, and genuine openness. The trust of the Muslim people humbles us and invites us to see this as a precious moment to reflect Christ's love in word and deed.

One of the youth asked about the differences between the Quran and the Bible. After we had done a study and comparison on certain topics, he said, "I can see that the Bible is the true word of God." It is possible to expose some of the children to the Bible in miraculous ways, even though the community does not normally allow it.

We ask for your prayers as we continue to walk this path.

Please pray

- That God will give us wisdom and discernment in every conversation.
- For humility and sensitivity, that our words and actions may honour God and respect those we meet.
- For the children and individuals who are open to dialogue, that seeds of hope and understanding may be planted in their hearts.
- For protection and guidance, that this work may be carried out discreetly and with integrity.

We believe that through prayer, God strengthens us to be faithful witnesses of His love. May His Spirit guide us in building bridges of peace and compassion.

South Africa



(Golden Gate – South Africa, Ramatsui, 2019.)

Day 17

Story Telling

In the northern region of Mozambique, particularly in Nampula and Cabo Delgado, Muslims go to mosque, not necessarily because it is their religion, but because it is their culture. We have two new families who joined our church. One of these families lost their grandmother. The place where she worshipped could not assist in her burial. They requested assistance from our church and after the burial, they indicated that they wanted to know more about Jesus.

We enrolled them in the program called Al Massira. The name Al Massira means "*The Journey*", and it was developed by a group of friends in the Middle East who wanted to create an 'open place' where ideas can be shared honestly and freely, discussion enjoyed and questions asked. Here people can explore the prophet stories and discuss the big questions of life. Muslims LOVE story telling.

Foundations & Signs

The Story of Adam & Eve, The Story of Noah, The Story of Abraham & Sarah

Signs & Prophecies

The Story of Moses, The Story of King David, The Story of Mary & the Messiah

The Messiah & his Family

The Story of the Messiah, The Messiah & the Father, The Messiah & the Holy Spirit

Following the Messiah

Living with the Messiah, First Steps with the Messiah, The Fellowship of the Messiah

The challenge we have in the ministry is the need of us coming together as one church. We must be united as the body of Christ. We must stop working in isolation. Jesus had no denominations. Therefore, we should work together across denominational boundaries.

- Please pray that churches in our area will start to work together.

In the northern province of Cabo Delgado, Islamic State-affiliated militants continuously carry out brutal attacks on Christian communities, including church burnings, abductions, executions, and the destruction of entire villages.

Please pray

- For healing for victims as well as their loved ones, who are equally traumatised.
- For help for those who are displaced following attacks.
- That God will protect Christians from violent attacks and encourage them in their faith.
- That stability will return to Mozambique.

We have experienced severe floods in the southern region of Mozambique.

- Pray for the recovery of Mozambique and its people. Over 600 000 people have been affected by the floods.

Day 18

The Harvest is Here

Yao people are mostly Sunni Muslims, mixed with African traditional beliefs such as ancestral worship and the use of charms for protection. It's also called Folk Islam. The Yao are found in the southern part of Malawi, Tanzania and Mozambique.

We are continually amazed at what the Lord is doing among the Yao people. We truly believe this is a unique moment in history—one in which we are witnessing the fruit of the seeds planted by many missionaries who laboured faithfully among the Yao but did not see this harvest in their time. What they longed to see, the Lord is now allowing us to witness in our generation.

Last year, after conducting the "I Was Hungry" training at our base, we welcomed 35 participants from two villages. Among them were three imams and three village chiefs. The training focuses on four key areas: farming, family, finance, and faith.

The impact of the program was remarkable. One of the imams openly shared that he had gained a better understanding of the Bible than ever before and expressed a desire to continue learning. In addition, a Muslim village chief—from the same village—publicly testified that his life had been deeply impacted by God's Word from the Bible. However, these two men are still Muslims.

In December 2025, this same chief invited our team to come and pray over his village and dedicate it to God before entering the year 2026. This month, both the chief and the imam have planned a confidential visit to one of our team members. They shared that as they have continued reflecting on what they learned, many questions have arisen, and they desire to ask them in a safe and trusted environment.

- We humbly ask for your prayers—that the Lord would graciously reveal Himself to them as they continue seeking truth and understanding.

In 2025, the Lord also opened many new doors for us to enter - areas that were previously very difficult to access because the community leaders would not accept the presence of Christians.

- Please pray that even more ground would be covered this year.

We have also received an invitation to train 700 farmers in one of the stronghold areas of Islam.

- Please pray for wisdom, guidance, protection, and provision as we discern and respond faithfully to this opportunity – we need the leading of the Holy Spirit in every step we take.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer as we witness the Lord working in extraordinary ways.

Malawi



(Lake Malawi, 2007.)

Day 19

Urgent Prayer Needed

Please pray for Abdallah.

Abdallah converted from Islam to Christianity. A couple of weeks ago, in January, we received a message from one of the church leaders staying close to him. Abdallah is being persecuted by his uncle, who has now for the second time arrived from Mozambique. With the help of the village leaders, they first hacked his phone and blocked all his contacts. Now they have destroyed his phone. Because his situation is getting worse, he and his family have to be relocated to a different area. On top of which we are devastated to announce that last night his son of 1 year and eight months passed away.

Please pray for sister "Chikondi". We prayed for her during Ramadan 2025 as well.

"Chikondi" is married to a Muslim man. She is facing persecution from her husband, because of her faith in Jesus Christ. Years ago he kicked her out of the house. At some point he got TB and the family told her to go back and take care of him. Then he started to harass her again, and it was suspected that he gave her charms (which refers to witchcraft practices). "Chikondi" had to go to several churches for prayer and deliverance.

At present she still holds on to Jesus as her Saviour, however her husband and others continue to persecute her. Just a few weeks ago a team of five prominent Muslim leaders came to confront her in front of her husband and forcefully intimidated her to join Islam. The husband is trying every possible way to stop her from having a small-scale business, to frustrate her and make her economically and socially vulnerable. She is often beaten, sleeping on an empty stomach and living without hope.

After having discussions with her, it was decided that her best option is an urgent relocation.

Please pray

- For the relocation, logistics and the resources needed for sister "Chikondi" and Abdallah, to escape the threat that could become lethal.
- That God will console Abdallah and his family.

Malawi



(Mosque in Zomba, Malawi, 2009.)

Day 20

Choose the Right Path

Muslims have been entering Zambia for years now, mostly through the eastern part of Zambia, settling among the Chewas and in the north among the Lungu Mambwe. Muslims live in towns and cities where they run their own businesses and shops. They employ the local people from Zambia and subject them to the Islamic way of doing things. Other groups who establish Islam in our country, are immigrants who mostly come from Somalia. We have 15 groups involved in Muslim evangelism and discipleship under the *All-Africa Christian Concern Network*. Some activities involve one on one evangelism, sports evangelism, discipleship & training, education support & placement, family economic empowerment, business empowerment, and alms distributions.

Please pray

- For the mobility of our ministry teams
- For funds to increase loan support
- That God will send more volunteers
- For provision and thorough training for Christian workers

In our ministry we need the government's help to make decisions about fostering a child. In cases of abuse, social welfare and the police must make the decisions. The Education Department makes decisions on where or in which school a child needs to be placed.

- Please pray for networking and good collaboration with government departments
- Pray that the ministry teams will network well and share resources.

Testimony of a Former Islamic Leader, and Teacher at a Muslim Primary School

I was born in 1974 in Mchacha, the eastern side of Zambia. My family was very poor, and my father tried to be a subsistence farmer, but things did not really work out for us. Already in primary school, I decided to stop going to school and I started roaming the village, helping other families on their farms. During this time, I met a Muslim leader who engaged with my father and promised to sponsor me, but it was supposed to be at another school in town. Later I was transferred to another town. From grade 4 to grade 12, I was taken to live in Twapia, a neighbourhood of Ndola. I only came home twice to visit. As a young adult I was sent to Senegal for my teacher's course, after which I returned to Twapia as a teacher at a Muslim school.

One day I started to question the difference between my earlier Christian experience when I was a boy and my experience now as a Muslim. I started to feel uneasy about where my faith was taking me. It was not clear to me where I would spend my eternity. It was at this time that I met Brother Timothy who explained to me the difference between Christianity and Islam, and he gave me a challenge to choose the right path. I decided to become a follower of Christ. Then I was faced with a challenge. Without realizing it I had become completely dependent on the Muslim community. There was no way for me to make a living if I left this community. But I thank God for Brother Timothy who was there for me and continued to encourage me. He helped me to get a Zambian teacher's diploma which made it possible for me to start teaching at a government school, away from the town in a hidden rural area. Here I am able to practice my Christianity with freedom and without fear. I am married, with a family and serve as a leader at our local church.

- Praise God with us for the salvation and changed lifestyles of former Muslims.

Zambia

Day 21

Friendships for Jesus

It is estimated that the number of Muslims in Angola is less than 1% of the total population. Most of the Muslims here come from the Middle East or West Africa. The majority of practicing Muslims are Suni.

An opportunity on our doorstep ...

Most Muslims in Angola are general dealers and therefore it is easy to reach out to them. Because they are out of their own countries, they are more open to other opinions and beliefs. This provides Christians with a platform for friendship evangelism.

The challenge ...

Most Angolan Christians do not recognise the opportunity and have preconceived ideas about Islam. At the Operation Mobilization Base in Angola the young students at the DTS (Discipleship Training school) are confronted with new information about reaching Muslims in their own towns and cities. We invited a local Muslim shop owner called "Abdul" to share about his religion. On the way home in the car he admitted that he has some doubts about his belief in Allah and he is interested in hearing more about Christianity.

- Please pray for "Abdul's" salvation as we build a friendship with him.

Encouraged by what the Lord did in South Africa, with so many individuals from closed countries asking questions about Jesus, we have started to pray earnestly for the Muslims in our city.

- Please pray that Christians will see their role in reaching Muslims in Angola.
- Pray for divine appointments with Muslims here.

Angola



"Abdul's" shop

Day 22

Intercession for MBB'S

There are many people whose lives revolve around their interaction with the spiritual world. They view the universe as a place filled with gods, demons, spirits, ghosts and ancestors. Man needs to live at peace with the powers around him, but often man lives in fear. This fear is based on a number of different things. First, man fears man. Secondly, people fear the supernatural. Using their voodoo, charms and other methods, they seek to gain control over other people and over the controlling powers of the universe. The paradigm that these people live in is one of fear versus power.

As M. says: "Experience in this ministry has shown me that fear is the main emotion or spirit which oppresses the people. There are the terrorist groups in Eastern Africa who are brutal to Christians. However, the fear and control among Muslims surpasses that. A secret believer told me that their prime cause of anxiety and stress is not the persecution they suffer, it's the concern over their families who are still unsaved and in bondage."

Pray for the Muslim-background believers and others who share their faith:

- **For strength in the Lord:** "Father, we pray for the missionaries and evangelists spreading Your Word in Africa, grant them strength as they labour in Your vineyard. As Isaiah 40:31 says, 'But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.'"
- **For peace amidst challenges:** "Lord, we ask for Your peace to reign in the hearts of those engaging in Muslim evangelism. May they be like the disciples in John 14:27, as Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'"
- **For Divine protection:** "Heavenly Father, we plead for Your protection over our brothers and sisters as they proclaim Your Gospel. Let them take refuge under Your wings, just as Psalm 91:4 assures us, 'He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.'"
- **For preservation of faith:** "Lord, in the midst of trials and temptations, we ask for the preservation of faith for those sharing Your message. Like 1 Peter 1:5 assures us, "And through your faith, God is protecting you by who through faith are shielded by God's his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see."
- **For Divine providence:** "God of all provision, we trust in Your provision for the needs of those actively involved in Muslim evangelism in Africa. As Philippians 4:19 declares, 'And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'"
- **For wisdom and guidance:** "Father, grant wisdom and discernment to those spreading Your gospel among Muslims. May they walk in the wisdom from above, as James 3:17 describes, 'But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.'"

Let these prayers be a testament to our reliance on Your Word and Your promises as we engage in the noble task of sharing Your love and truth with all nations. Amen.

East Africa

Day 23

Witchcraft Defeated

"Samuel", 22 years old, was addicted to pornography, even though he was considered the most faithful young man in the mosque. Then he received biblical teaching and gave his life to Jesus. He no longer had any desire to watch pornography; in fact, he hated it. This confirmed that he was free from his addiction. He was so relieved to have overcome this vice through the power of Jesus that he decided to share the good news with his mother.

It was late September 2025. His mother was not happy. She wanted him to return to Islam. She said the Bible was an evil book, that it would attract evil spirits. She began complaining of nightmares, to force "Samuel" to believe that evil spirits had invaded their home because of the Bible.

"Samuel's" disgruntled mother decided to go to the imam. She alleged she was having nightmares and demanded that her house be purified. She revealed to the imam that "Samuel" had joined the unbelievers and the evil book "the Bible" was in the house. The imam immediately confirmed that it was the Bible that was attracting evil spirits into the house and the house should be purified in accordance with a Quranic ritual. On the ritual day; first, all our *More Than Words* (M.T.W.) tracts held by "Samuel", and the Bible, would be burned. Second, a black cat would be sacrificed to drive away the evil spirits, and third, "Samuel" would be reinitiated into Islam.

October 17, around 5:00 p.m. the imam arrived suddenly. "Samuel" was surprised to see the imam carrying a black cat. Immediately, the imam began preparing for the ritual. The imam immobilized the black cat and strangled it until it died and placed it on the ground. He lit the fire. Then he took "Samuel's" Bible and copies of the MTW studies. In front of the fire, holding these documents, the imam recited a few incantations from the Quran. The dead cat lay there.

Just as he was about to throw the Bible and the MTW materials into the fire, the black cat jumped up and ran. The imam panicked and fled. He abandoned the Bible and the MTW documents. The black cat disappeared and was never seen again. "Samuel's" mother stood there in disbelief. That was the end of everything as the imam never returned, his whereabouts are unknown.

Consider the challenges "Samuel" faced: his addiction to pornography and the assault of the imam. God intervened, and "Samuel" overcame these frightening trials.

- Please pray that "Samuel's" mom and the imam would commit their lives to Christ.

East Africa



Day 24

Ten-Year-old Boy's Ordeal

"Ben" and his mom, "Zoe", are practicing Christians from a Muslim background. "Zoe" lost her husband, who was also a Christian, and their 2-year-old son, when his family poisoned them. Her brother-in-law, A, would visit her house twice a week to warn her to return to Islam or face consequences. A was known and feared by Muslims. "Zoe" was given a seven-day ultimatum to return to Islam. But after seven days, she still hadn't done so.

It was August 22, 2025. A went to "Zoe's" house and he was angry. He asked her why she was disrespecting Allah – no answer. "Ben" was not home. When the rain stopped he arrived. He was carrying his wet clothes and wearing his friend's clothes. "Ben" told his mother that he had accompanied his friend to the market and they were caught in the rain. His friend gave him a dry t-shirt and shorts to wear. The t-shirt he wore had "the crucifixion" written on it with a picture of Jesus on the cross. A exclaimed angrily, "'Zoe" - You went this far to mock Allah? I can't allow this. As a Mutaween (religious police) for Allah, this boy must first be killed, and then I will kill you." The commotion attracted their neighbours. When they arrived to find out what was happening, they saw A threatening to kill "Ben" by throwing him into a pit latrine. They could do nothing because, as Muslims, they feared A.

A was unaware that the pit latrine was saturated. It had been used by all of us in the neighbourhood, but no longer. It was to be destroyed. A grabbed hold of "Ben", and went to the pit latrine to throw him in. "Ben" was crying, and "Zoe" began begging A to spare her son. "Zoe" decided to run to our *More Than Words* class premises, far from her home. She hoped to find help and found me, one of the class missionaries.

"Ben" begged his uncle for mercy not to kill him, but A was adamant. The moment he threw "Ben" into the pit latrine, the situation was phenomenal. It was like a volcanic eruption. The latrine burst, destroying the surrounding structure. The excrement overflowed, carrying "Ben" away. Then A fell into the pit and died.

"Zoe" and I arrived 35 minutes later. We found "Ben" lying in a pool of excrement. Of A, we could only see his hand and cap hanging in the burst pit latrine. We rushed "Ben" to the clinic. He regained consciousness and vomited the excrement he had swallowed. The police arrived an hour later. They could do nothing but retrieve A's body.

- Praise God for a great miracle: The neighbours and a Muslim police officer vowed to learn more about Jesus.

"Ben's" health condition deteriorated, as he had swallowed a lot of faeces. His stomach started to balloon as a result of bacteria and viruses. The doctor at the only dispensary around here had advised his mom to take him to a hospital a distance away for special treatment.

- Praise God, an offering from a church in Australia reached Kenya which assisted with "Ben's" recovery.
- Please pray for his full recovery.

Kenya

Day 25

Bible Stands the Test

As a little girl, "Ann" asked her dad: *"Father, why is Allah always angry with us, His people? In the madrasa, Allah always threatens to punish us, why is He always angry? What are the mistakes we are making with Him?"* This question upset him and instead of seizing the opportunity to answer her innocent question and curiosity, he became angry and sternly dismissed her. He warned her not to ask any more questions about Allah. She never tried to talk about Allah again, anywhere, but that didn't dispel the feeling.

Years later in March 2025, "Ann" was walking down the street and came across a poster hanging from a tree. It was titled. "Warka Wanaagsan" (The Good News). It invited people to listen to the Good News and offered a virtual number to contact them, and that's how "Ann" met our teachers and was invited to our 'More Than Words' class. As the teacher introduced the study, I could see her body language expressing a certain satisfaction. She even asked a crucial question in the middle of the discussion: *"Is the God we are learning about here Allah?"* Teacher S, answered boldly that Allah does not exist... We expected "Ann" to react with disdain, as many Muslim newcomers do, when faced with such a reality, but we were all stunned. "Ann" stood up, joyful, and repeated *"No wonder!"* three times.

"Ann" gave her life to Jesus on the spot. As she left with her baby on her back, I gave her a copy of the Kitaabka Quduuska Ah (the Somali Holy Bible). "Ann's" husband, F, realised she was hiding something from him, and instead of confronting her, he pretended to leave for a long trip. He returned home a few moments after leaving and found "Ann" reading her Bible. Enraged, F shouted, *"I suspected something was wrong with you, are you now a kafir (an infidel)?"* As expected, "Ann" was beaten mercilessly. F tied her legs and hands. The baby needed breastfeeding and was crying, but F was so furious with her that he punished his own child. He took all of "Ann's" clothes and other belongings outside and burned them. When the fire was well lit, he threw her Bible into it. Then he told her that once the fire was out and everything had burned to ashes; he would untie her so she could go to the kafir's house with her baby.

Forty-five minutes later, the fire was out. It had consumed everything. All of her clothes and other belongings were reduced to ashes. F knew that the Bible would also have been destroyed. He just wanted to make sure. He took a stick and began scattering the ashes. There was no more fire, but there was something hard in the ashes. He thought at first that it might be a stone. Upon closer inspection he realized that it was not a stone, but "Ann's" Bible, which had not been burned, there was only some damage around the edges. He was shocked. How could the fire have consumed everything without burning the papers? F was overwhelmed by this miracle. He immediately went to untie "Ann", asked her forgiveness, and told her to breastfeed the still-crying baby. A few minutes later, "Ann" had finished breastfeeding. F begged her to explain why the Bible couldn't be burned. She replied that to know why it didn't burn, one had to be willing to read it.

F, so perplexed, agreed to read the Bible for the first time ever. They agreed to keep the secret from the rest of the Muslim community. F began reading the Bible. "Ann" recommended that he start with the New Testament. He was eager to discover for himself why the Bible cannot be burned. While reading the Gospel of Matthew and then the Gospel of Mark, he found the truth. He began attending MTW classes with "Ann" and their baby. On August 2, 2025, F came to Christ. He is still reading the Bible, not to discover why it cannot be burned but because it's the word of God. The truth has set him free.

- Praise God that they can now worship together as a family and don't have to hide from each other.

Day 26

Tragic Report of little 'Nan'

"Abi", a Muslim woman, already knew she was pregnant as a result of a rape. She returned to her parents' house, but they refused to take her in. "Abi" stayed with a friend. Her pregnancy progressed and nine months later, she gave birth to a baby girl. That's "Nan".

Life was very difficult for "Abi". She found a small place in an abandoned house, where she lived with "Nan" and begged for food.

A school for underprivileged children was started as a community project and "Nan" was enrolled. "Abi" was relieved because, even if she could not find food, she knew that "Nan" would eat at school. Then, in July 2024, "Abi" met our MTW teachers and they introduced her to Jesus. She was receptive and gave her life to Jesus. "Abi" didn't look back. By August 2025, she was able to support herself and "Nan" who was still attending the community project school. As a deacon, MTW classes are held in my yard. I'm fortunate to have such a large yard and I've dedicated a section of it to our MTW class. "Nan" is a friend of my children.

One day, after school, instead of taking the usual route, "Nan" decided to take a detour through the forest. It's a place known to be targeted by Oromo Liberation Army militants. These militants believe that having sex with a girl who has not yet had her regular period makes them immune to bullets. Thus, innocent girls are targeted and raped by these militants for this supposed power. Unfortunately, "Nan" was wandering into their hideout. They abducted her and brutally raped her.

Around 6:45 p.m. "Abi" started to worry. She was looking for "Nan", who hadn't yet returned. "Nan" was nowhere to be found. We searched everywhere and decided to check this road through the forest. We mobilized members of the community to go there in a group. When there are a lot of you, these militia generally don't bother you. As we walked along this road, we found "Nan", unconscious, lying in a pool of blood. She had been gang-raped.

We rushed her to the hospital. She regained consciousness, but she was in a lot of pain. The doctor told us she would need specialized care. We appealed to members for help to fly her to Addis. A special donation came for her from Australia. Accompanied by her mother, "Nan" was flown to Addis Ababa and admitted to the Tirunesh Beijing General Hospital. She received specialized treatment. Her uterus was severely damaged and had to be removed.

"Nan" recovered well. She was kept under medical supervision until mid-October, when she was discharged from the hospital.

Hope is a strong anchor in stormy times. Our God is One who makes a way where there is no way, this means that hope in God will make us survive gale force winds of difficulty and danger. It doesn't matter what our circumstances are: fear, pain, grief, illness, emotional problems, failure, hardship, betrayal, calamity; we must trust our anchor and not jump ship, because hope in God will definitely change our circumstances for the better.

He will cover you with his feathers, and under His wings, you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. Psalm 91:4-6

- Please pray that God will help "Nan" get to a point where life will make sense again.

Day 27 Following the trauma of “Samuel” “Ben”, “Ann” and “Nan”, please pray the following:

- Heavenly Father, we lift up to You the Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) across Africa and around the world who face persecution, torment, oppression, and even death because of their faith in Jesus Christ. We ask for Your divine protection over them, shielding them from every plot and scheme of those who seek to harm them because of their decision to follow You.
- Lord, we pray against every Islamic attack that targets MBBs, whether it be physical, emotional, or spiritual. We ask that You thwart the plans of the enemy and frustrate every attempt to oppress or silence Your children. As Psalm 91:7-8 promise, "A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but danger will not come near you. You will only look on with your eyes and witness the repayment of the wicked."
- We pray for supernatural intervention in the lives of those who perpetrate violence against MBBs. May Your love and grace penetrate their hearts, leading them to repentance and transformation. As Romans 12:21 exhorts us, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."
- Grant courage, strength, and perseverance to the MBBs who face persecution. May they be encouraged by Your promises, knowing that they are not alone but are surrounded by Your presence and the prayers of believers around the world.
- Lord, we ultimately trust in Your justice and sovereignty. We ask for Your kingdom to come and Your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, including the protection and preservation of Your precious children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Eastern Africa

Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power)

The Night of Power is usually celebrated on the 27th day of Ramadan. Muslims believe that during the Night of Power, Mohammed received a revelation of the first verses of the Qur'an. Across the world over a billion Muslims recite or read the Qur'an. Some even stay awake, praying all night.

They pray for favour from Allah, hope for spiritual blessings and that all their sins will be forgiven. They believe their destiny for the next year is set by how earnestly they pray.

Please Pray

- That, on this night, Muslims would have a supernatural encounter with Jesus Christ, the only one who can forgive their sin and save them.
- Ask God to follow up this experience with encounters with Christians, who can share with them the Good News of salvation through Jesus.

Day 28

Lord, have Mercy

In Nigeria, Christians suffer from a severe combination of ethno-religious hostility, Islamic oppression, dictatorial paranoia and organized corruption and crime. Mostly in northern Sharia-governed states, Christians are deprived of essential freedoms. All over the north, Christians suffer from Islamist militant violence by different groups. Most of the violence against Christians is carried out by Muslim Fulani militants and "bandits" of Fulani descent, more than by Boko Haram and ISWAP combined (ORFA, August 2024). In recent years, violence has increased and spilled into southern states. Much of it is done by Muslim Fulani militia hiding in the forests of southern states and performing guerilla-style attacks. Another contributor to insecurity for Christians in the south-east is IPOB (Indigenous People of Biafra). IPOB has also oppressed and persecuted Christians, particularly Christian leaders, who do not conform to its ideological requirements. Many southern states have witnessed a resurgence of African traditional religion, sometimes encouraged by state governments. This may lead to clan oppression. Christians are forced to obey traditional religious concepts that are contrary to their Christian beliefs.

Open Doors

Islamists seeks total control of Nigeria by turning it into an Islamic State, by whatever means possible, including jihadism and political control, leaving Christians as 2nd class citizens. This dream was born in 1804 during and after the Sokoto Jihad.

Missionaries are restricted mostly in the Northern towns, villages and some cities. It's a combination of systemic, structural and frontal attacks through terrorism raging in Nigeria today.

As far as the government of Nigeria is concerned, there is a lot of denial and subtle inaction against the persecution of Christians and the killings in Nigeria.

Our ministry is involved in mobilising prayer, advocacy and humanitarian support, including support for widows and orphans. The church isn't doing enough to rebuild destroyed homes or confront the government.

Please pray

- For MELT (Mentoring for Value-Based Leadership Transformation in Africa). This initiative is a 5 year program where we will mentor 100 young people, discipled by 20 mentors on living life with biblical values.
- For resilience for the church in hard situations. We brought in some delegates from difficult countries facing persecution.
- For our advocacy work, that God will open the right doors for us.
- For our contact who is discreetly trying to negotiate with Boko Haram the release of many Christian girls in their captivity, who are kept in unjust and inhumane captivity.
- That the Muslim fundamentalists and jihadists will be convicted by the Holy Spirit, and come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Pray for supernatural encounters with Jesus, among seekers in the mosques, especially now during Ramadan.

Day 29

Open Doors Waiting

The Fulbe people (otherwise known as the Fula or Fulani) are almost completely Muslim with a tiny minority being Christians and animists. They are an ethnic group in Sahara, Sahel and West Africa. The Fulbe people are widely scattered across the Sahel from the Atlantic coast to the Red Sea, particularly in West Africa. Many also speak other languages of the countries they inhabit, making many Fulbe bilingual or even trilingual. Such languages include French, Hausa, Bambara, Wolof, Soninke, and Arabic.

A significant proportion of the Fulbe – a third, or an estimated 7 to 10 million – are pastoralists, and their ethnic group has the largest nomadic pastoral community in the world. They are in general extremists, and often involved in conflicts.

In Australia, I met a couple who have been working among the Fulbe for more than 50 years. They are already in their 80's but still continue. He is suffering from prostate cancer, but they plan to return to the mission field soon.

- Please pray for them and for others to join and take the baton to continue and expand the work.

In North Nigeria, I met "Mark", who reaches out to the Fulbe from his vehicle. He amplifies an audio Bible and broadcasts it from his car while moving and stopping occasionally.

- Pray for his ministry and safety. He is in his seventies and again let's pray for somebody to take the baton to continue the work.

There is an open door and some need to go, some need to pray and some need to support.

Please pray

- For safety and boldness for Christian workers.
- Pray for those that do come to faith in Jesus Christ, to persevere and be bold witnesses to their neighbours.
- Girls are betrothed even before their birth. Pray that they will come to faith and educate their children and families.
- Pray that more literature will be developed and recorded for the Fulbe people.
- Thank the Lord for audio Bibles that are being used discreetly among the Fulbe.
- The door is open, pray for locals to go and obey Matthew 28:19.

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Day 30

Eid al-Fitr

“Eid al-Fitr” is the Muslim festival that indicates the end of the Ramadan fast. The Muslim community gathers at the mosque for special prayers and a communal meal. They also make a point of giving money to the poor. It ends in a feast that continues for three days. They have social gatherings, festive meals and family and friends hand out gifts to each other.

As believers we need to continue to pray for the salvation of Muslims.

Where possible, make contact with Muslims and start visiting. Show hospitality and find ways to make a difference in their lives.

Pray for them. Ask Muslims if there’s anything they need prayer for, e.g., their job, family or health. Listen to their response and ask if you can pray for them. Tell them you pray in the name of Jesus and then pray with them.

Please pray

- That the day will come when Muslims will find their way to the feast Jesus described in Matthew 8:10-11: “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.”
- Pray that every seeker who wants to know more about Jesus, will find a way to get access to the gospel of salvation.

For security reasons, most of the names of people have been changed.

Thank you for praying with us.



[\(Mogadishu residents celebrate Eid-al-Fitr, Somalia, 2016.\)](#)