How will God reach our Muslim brothers?

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Muslims are front and center in the news on a daily basis which leads to the question many are asking...maybe even you: How will God reach our Muslim brothers?

I write this letter to you from the Middle East. In recent times the world has seen the uprising known as the “Arab Spring,” sparking new challenges for the church but also new opportunities.

Truth-seeking Muslims are hungry for hope in a land of never-ceasing violence. However, reports we are getting confirm that our programs are penetrating many Muslim countries around the world.

Although it is illegal to listen to the gospel in some countries, there are many – tens of thousands of Arabic-speaking Muslims – downloading daily radio programs from our AWR website or from iTunes. Thanks to your generosity and continued support, many Muslims are being reached by the Holy Spirit through AWR broadcasts.

God loves every human being, and He is calling out to the Muslim community, too. Here is one story you won’t want to miss!

Yousif Buginda lives in a small town in Western Africa. Being a Muslim, when his child fell seriously ill, he took him to the Mosque for intercessory prayers, but nothing happened.

The leaders of the Mosque then instructed Yousif to bring a goat to the Mosque and slaughter it. They said, “Your boy will then recover his health.” In Yousif’s own words, “I believed that it was not the Spirit of God moving in such a direction.” He refused to follow their instruction!
Yousif’s testimony

“Walking in the city, I met a sister who, looking at the health of my child, asked me to bring him to their church for prayer. She said, ‘I know that you Muslims always oppose Christians.’ I felt pain and shame to go there so I asked my wife to go alone with our son. After a week of intercession, he was healed.

“With a Muslim mindset, I did not want to go back to church and, after all, our child had recovered his health. However, the child fell ill again. Because of this new illness, another Christian asked us to bring him to their church for prayer. They said, ‘Islam can’t do anything for your son.’ We took him to the church and they prayed for him – he was cured.

“I made up my mind to no longer go to the mosque, and instead to stay where people pray in Jesus’ name.”

New Light

“Just a few days later, I turned on my radio and, while tuning, landed on the frequency of Adventist World Radio. It was the Voice of Hope in the Kiswahili language. I realized that there was a significant difference between the preaching I heard in the Protestant church where I was a few days before, and what I now heard on the Voice of Hope. I listened to the AWR broadcasts for four months and was edified by the preaching.”

Lasting Decision

“One Saturday morning, while driving my son to school, I saw a group of people gathered on the street and I thought it must be a worship place for Adventists. I wanted to go but another force discouraged me. Fortunately, I saw a boy coming that I knew very well. He confirmed that this was the worship place for Adventists and that he himself had come to worship. He persuaded me to go with him but I resisted because my clothes were not suitable for worship.

‘I promised him that I would be his visitor the following Sabbath. On Sabbath, October 20, 2012 I went to worship. On October 27, I publicly joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church by baptism. This is the result of the Ministry of AWR.’

“Fifteen years in Islam are enough. Today I recognize that salvation is in Jesus Christ alone.”

Since the establishment of Adventist World Radio in the city of Goma, the message has called many souls to Christ both in the city and in rural areas.

I could continue sharing story after story with you of how God is reaching Muslims around the world using the broadcasts of AWR. In many areas of the world it
means certain death if they are caught listening to our programs, let alone becoming Christians. But they are more than willing to pay the price when the Holy Spirit speaks to them through the radio waves of AWR.

Your faithful financial partnership with AWR allows us to reach these people in the most restrictive countries and situations that exist in the world. Please continue to do all you can to keep this life-saving message on the air around the world. Remember, AWR goes where missionaries cannot go!

100% of your gifts go directly to AWR’s mission work.

In His service,

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