Hello,

During the past few months, significant turmoil and news from the Middle East has multiplied. Tunisia, Jordan, Lebanon, and especially Egypt and Libya have seen great unrest and transition. The predominant religion in these countries—Islam—is being increasingly brought to our attention. What happens next?

On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, Pastor Doug will travel to the Middle East to present the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ.

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The Challenge of Islam

An Amazing Fact: Islam is the fastest growing religion in the western world and has an estimated 1.5 billion followers globally—22 percent of the world’s population. And according to the U.S. Census Bureau, in the year 2010 the number of Muslims in America surpassed the number of Jews, making Islam the nation’s second-largest faith.

The Challenge of Islam

The great global religions of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism all sprang from Abraham, but tensions between these faiths run deep. Many Muslims believe a bloody conflict will lead to global Islamic rule. I do believe that there will be a major clash between Christian and Islamic nations that will consolidate the Christians of the world. Muslims also believe Jesus will return. This would be an effective arena for Satan to impersonate Christ, ultimately leading to a one-world religion and the final beast power.

How so? Well, Islam has some overlap with Christianity. For instance, it’s true that Muslims believe in Adam, Noah, Abraham, and even Jesus. But the differences between Islam and Christianity are vast—an eternal gap that you and I together can help close.

A Religion Without Real Hope

You see, Muslims do not believe that Jesus died on a cross or that the Bible is true. And while they have a doctrine of heaven and hell, they have no real Savior. Nothing in the teachings of Mohammed offers them the hope of salvation from sin. It is a religion built completely on individual works and the capricious will of Allah.

That’s why we need to reach these precious souls with the gospel of Jesus Christ … and that’s why I’m delighted to tell you that this fall, I will be holding meetings in the Muslim countries of United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Indonesia.

Unfortunately, Dubai is very restrictive regarding evangelism. Under Islamic law, it is a capital offense to encourage someone to convert to another religion.

I will be able to preach publicly only to those who are already Christians. Please pray that God will grant me wisdom and safety as I share truth and resources with these dear people—people who need encouragement and hope.

Immediately following our meetings there in late August, I will be flying to the largest Muslim country in the world—Indonesia.

Indonesia is a far-off country comprised of 17,500 islands and more than 230 million souls! With its huge population, Indonesia presents a wonderful opportunity for making progress in reaching the Muslim world—but minority religions there are barely tolerated.

Yet on the tenth anniversary of the worst terrorist attack on the United States, I’ll be speaking to a crowd we expect to be in the thousands in the capital city of Jakarta.

We are going to both the UAE and Indonesia to strengthen, encourage, and equip believers—and in faith of reaping a harvest. I ask that you begin praying right now for those who come to hear the Word. Please also pray that I will be empowered to freely speak with boldness—and yet with tact—to present the full gospel to so many who have never heard it before.

Muslims and the Gospel

To make the most of this opportunity, we have prepared a three-part plan that will have an impact far into the future. I’m really excited about what we have put together … and I’m just as excited to share it with you.

■ First, we are going to edit and translate our Bible Studies into Farsi, Arabic, and Indonesian.

■ Second, we are going to translate Cosmic Conflict into Indonesian.

■ Third, we will make these resources available on a special website so Muslims around the world can safely consider Christianity with limited risk of harassment.

I’m asking for your help today because the translation and printing work represents a significant investment of time, effort, and money. Can you help us with these costs? We must begin this project immediately to ensure that all of the materials we will need are ready in time for the meetings this fall.

This represents an exciting new frontier and opportunity for Amazing Facts, and I believe you will agree with me that what we do to reach these people must be done quickly. I’m asking you today to reach out to them and share.

For sharing the everlasting gospel to all the world,

Pastor Doug Batchelor

■ As you pray for our meetings in Jakarta and Dubai, I urge you to keep in mind that 1.5 billion Muslims live without the hope of a Savior. We can change that together … so please give today!

You Made the Difference!

“For the last several years my life felt meaningless. … My neighbor is a believer. He kept asking me about Jesus, and I tried to throw him off me by saying, “Yes, I believe in Jesus, but he was only a man!” But he didn’t give up. Pretty soon, he sent over the first 14 Amazing Facts Bible studies. I had only been reading the Quran, but I then asked for a Bible. I was reading and studying these studies, and the most amazing thing happened. For the first time in my life, I had peace. So I asked God to forgive me for all my horrendous sins. I told him that … I did believe that Jesus is the Christ. My faith in my Savior grows daily; my love for God is an ever-growing love. Thank you for
praying for someone like me."—A former Muslim, Nebraska

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