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Issue 55: Reaching Muslims for Jesus

Fadya's Story



FG! I'm Fadya and I am 10 years old.

My family and I are Muslim. I live in a Muslim neighborhood in a Muslim majority country. There are also many Christians on the island where we live.

Part of our house is an apartment that we rent out. Last year, a woman from the United States moved into that apartment. Her name is Lydia. At first, I was a little bit suspicious of Lydia. I had never met someone from her country before and she is a Christian. Although there are some Christians around me, I don't know them well. I thought, "What is it going to be like for Lydia to live here with us?"

As it turned out, Lydia became like a part of our family. I often go to her apartment to play guitar, chat, cook with her, or read. Almost every night, Lydia comes over to our house and hangs out a little bit before we all go to bed.

One night a few weeks ago, I was bored and wanted to read. I grabbed my book about the prophets and started reading about the Prophet Adam. Mama had already finished cooking, so she sat with us, too. When Mama saw what I was reading, she asked Lydia what her Christian teaching says about the Prophet Adam.

Lydia said the Bible teaches that after God created Adam and his wife, Eve, they lived in a garden. God told Adam he could eat fruit from any of the trees in the garden except for one. But Adam and his wife, Eve ate the fruit that God told them they must not eat.

We Muslims believe this,

too, so I thought I knew the story. But, then Lydia shared something interesting. She said that after Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they saw that they did not have any clothes on and became embarrassed.

When God found out what they had done, He killed an animal and made them clothes. These clothes covered them up and they were no longer embarrassed. God covered their shame and restored their honor.



Lydia asked Mama if our teaching says the same thing. Mama explained that Satan was the one that encouraged Adam and Eve to eat the fruit. Mama said, "Satan tempts us to sin because he is lonely in hell and wants people to join him there."





How would you answer God's question in Isaiah 6:8?

The Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20 and more

God lets people know when He wants them to be missionaries.

The word for God's choosing them is a "call." Usually God lets people know that call in their hearts, but the Bible tells us of one man God spoke to in a vision, or something like a dream. That man was the prophet Isaiah. His story is in the Old Testament.

Isaiah later wrote about that vision:

"I said, "Oh, no! I will be destroyed. I am not pure. And I live among people who are not pure. But I have seen the King, the Lord of heaven's armies."



Isaiah was afraid, but God sent an angel to help him. After that, Isaiah wrote:

"Then I heard the Lord's voice. **He said,** "Whom can I send? Who will go for us?"

"So I said, "Here I am. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:5-8, International Children's Bible) Lydia explained, "The Bible teaches that all of us have sinned and deserve to go to hell. We are not able to come to God on our own because of our sin. But Jesus came to Earth and never sinned. Because he never sinned, he was able to become a sacrifice for us when he died on the cross.

If we believe that Jesus died for our sins, His pure goodness covers us like the animal skin that God used to cover Adam and Eve. When God looks at us, He no longer sees our sin. Instead, He sees Jesus, the one who covers us."

When my cousin heard what Lydia said, he came over and showed me the part of my prophet book that talks about Jesus. He said, "We don't believe the same thing about Jesus as Christians do. Remember what the imam, our religious teacher, has taught us." Mama and Lydia started talking about something else. I still wonder about that story of Adam and Eve, though.

A few weeks later, Lydia remembered that she has a

little book with what the Bible says about the prophet Adam. Mama was cooking when she came over that night, so Lydia gave her the book and encouraged her to read it. "Or," she said, "it would even be better if you all could read it together." .



Help this family believe in and accept Jesus.

- Please pray that Mama will read the book and want to learn more stories from the Bible.
- Please pray that Fadya's family will learn more about what it means that Jesus can cover our sins.
- Please pray that many in this area of the world will trust in Jesus and share His Message with others.

This is a true story, written by an anonymous worker.

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Islam is the second largest religion in the world.

- People who follow Islam are called "Muslims."
- Muslims must follow the "Five Pillars of Faith" which include:
 - 1. Reciting the mantra, "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet."
 - 2. Praying five times a day facing in the direction of Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
 - 3. Giving alms to the poor.
 - 4. Keeping the 28-day fast of Ramadan.
 - 5. Making the trip to Mecca once in their lifetime.



There are more Muslims in Malaysia and Indonesia than anywhere else in the world. In fact, Indonesia has the largest number of Muslims of any nation in the world.



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