

Monday 28th December

Jesus, the Light of the World

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.” Isaiah 9: 2-3

Jesus came into the world at a dark time in the history of the Jewish nation and, just like the dawn, he brought new light with him. Not in the way they expected but in the humble form of a baby. In this difficult time in our history, we also look to Jesus as the light of the world and we offer him as the hope for all peoples and nations.

Take some time today to reflect on the incredible gift of Jesus. Who could you share his light with today?

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would be opening the eyes and hearts of Muslims around the world to see Jesus as the light that they have been searching for.
- Pray for more labourers for the harvest – for more people to respond to the call that Jesus has placed in their hearts to be a light to the nations.
- Pray that in the new year many would come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour across the Muslim world.

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Shining with the Light of Jesus

This story comes from one of our teams.

“There’s light!” cried out the drunk man at the beach who’d been harassing my friend Fatima. “There’s light in your face!” He looked into her eyes and suddenly turned and ran.

Fatima was rattled by the encounter. But she immediately recognised what had happened. She had just been baptised with eight other people from her Muslim community. And now she was filled with the Holy Spirit and beaming with His light.



For several months, these nine new believers have been gathering with us to study the Bible. Some of these friends are personal contacts we’d been sharing the gospel with for years. Others are people who contacted us through an evangelistic social media outreach. Still others are contacts from a short-term team that came

to our city last summer.

“Today I made the best decision I will ever make in my whole life,” said one of the nine who was baptised alongside Fatima.

Two days later at our next Bible study, each of the new believers shared that they’d had extreme peace, inexpressible joy and sound sleep since being baptised. Several had been told by other people that their faces shone with light. Already we have another group of Muslim-background men and women who are ready to be baptised!

On hard days we wonder if it’s worth it to live so far away from family. We question whether it’s worth putting up with fickle water heaters and the lack of air conditioning—to press on in spite of the exhaustion that comes with living in a spiritually dark place.

But when we see men and women in Muslim communities transformed by Christ, we have no doubt: it’s all worth it.

Praise God for His miraculous work! And pray that many more Muslims will turn to Jesus.

- Pray for new Muslim-background believers to grow in the Word and in love for Christ. Ask God to strengthen their faith amid persecution.
- Pray for entire Muslim communities to be transformed as men and women discover the light of Jesus Christ.
- The harvest is plentiful! Pray for more labourers to go and reach Muslims with the gospel.

Wednesday 30th December

Discover the unreached

Imagine flying over the earth at night. As you look down over a community, you’ll see lights shining up from the darkness. Those are homes reached by a power source.



Look down again, and you’ll see areas that appear mostly in the dark. In these communities, few people have power.

Likewise, there are communities all around the world with very little access to the gospel message. Populations that are less than 2% Christian are called unreached. Churches are present—but in very small numbers—and they need help to meaningfully impact the cultures surrounding them.

Now imagine flying over a community in total darkness. There are people there, living as they always have. But not a single household has power, and there's no effort to bring it to them. If nothing changes, they'll go on living and dying in the dark.

These are like unengaged people groups—populations with no long-term, sustainable gospel witness in their midst. They have no church and there is no effort to introduce them to Jesus Christ.

Frontiers currently have long-term workers sent from many countries around the world to reach the unengaged Muslim people groups. Hundreds of churches have been planted through their efforts and prayers.

But more than 1,000 unengaged Muslim people groups still have no one bringing them the gospel.

“And thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, but as it is written: “Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.”” Romans 15:20-21.

The men, women and children in these people groups are like the communities with no access to a power source: if no one tells them about the Source of Life, they'll go on living and dying in the dark.

- We pray for the many Muslims living around the world who have neither heard the gospel nor met a follower of Jesus. May God stir the hearts of people to go.
- We pray for continued translations of material into local language and dialects, so workers are equipped with Bibles and resources.
- God loves Muslims everywhere - if only they knew. We pray that where there is darkness, the light of life will shine.

Thursday 31th December

Listen to the worship song below: God of the Poor by Graham Kendrick

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPvioAt5fq4>

John 8:12 says: *“Again Jesus spoke to them saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.””*

There are huge numbers of urban poor in the Muslim world. Forty-five percent of people live in cities today and more and more people move into cities, as they find they cannot support themselves in their rural communities. In fact nearly 100,000 people move into urban slums every day. A lack of work and education often leads to desperate poverty, domestic abuse and gang violence. The urban poor constitute one of the largest groups in the world yet to hear about Christ.

The need is huge in these areas all across the Muslim world for people to go and bring the light and love of Jesus into these desperate situations.

- Pray that more would go out to work in urban slums – blessing those they meet, serving them and sharing the Light of the world with them.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would move in the slums of the cities of the world, bringing an awakening to the things of God and a desire to find out about Jesus.
- Pray that, as people meet Jesus, He would heal them of their pain and bring purpose and life back to them.

Friday 1st January

The blind beggar introduced himself with a wry smile. His name meant light—the very thing that the cataracts on his eyes kept him from seeing.

Earlier in the day, a team of Frontiers workers in South Asia had gathered for prayer.

“How do You want us to pray today?” they asked God. As they waited expectantly, they sensed two things from the Lord: They were to pray for new sight and to pray for new hands.



Then the team members went out in small groups, fanning out across their neighbourhood to find people in need of restored vision and healed hands.

This is a regular activity for the team, which lives in an urban poor community. They meet weekly to ask God

to lead them to specific people in their neighbourhood—people in need of physical healing and spiritual hope.

One group of team members met an electrician with hands so gnarled that they appeared severely arthritic. He explained that he had been injured when a gas cylinder exploded in his hands in the middle of a work project.

“God sent us to you today,” said Jordan, a team member. “God told us to go and find someone in need of new hands. Can we pray for you?” The man gratefully received their prayers before carrying on with the rest of his day.

Another group met Noor, the blind beggar. They had seen this man often. Every day he sat in the same spot, next to the ironing man in a small, but busy alley.

“God told us to pray for new sight today,” said Yasmin, another team member. “And look, we found you!”

As Yasmin prayed for him, Noor held out his hands in prayer, palm-side up in front of his face. No dramatic healing happened in that moment. But it did establish the beginning of a relationship. Though his eyes remain clouded over, Noor recognizes each team member by their footsteps. He greets them by name, chats with them, and eagerly welcomes their ongoing prayers for healing.

“I’ve heard it said that if you pray for one hundred people, you’ll eventually see somebody healed,” says Jordan. “We don’t lose heart because we know God is doing something—even if it takes praying for someone a hundred times or more.”

- Ask God to bless Noor with new sight and pray that his spiritual eyes will be open to the light of Christ.
- Pray for the good news of the Kingdom to spread through urban poor communities across the Muslim world.
- Ask the Lord to raise up more workers who will go and live among the poor to share Christ where His message has not yet been proclaimed.

Saturday 2nd January

Acts 13:47 says: *“For this is what the Lord has commanded us:*

*“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”*

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honoured the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.”

Just as Paul received a call to take the gospel to those that had never had the chance to hear about Jesus before, so Frontiers workers are called to pioneer in new places where the gospel has not yet gone. Whilst many are actively pursuing that call, there is also a great need for more workers to go to the Muslim world, especially as Muslims make up approximately 25% of the world’s population.

You might be interested in a video clip explaining the remaining mission, which you can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYwcmPoByhg>

We know that many Muslims have never heard the gospel message or met a follower of Jesus, but God wants to change that and see many Muslims enter His Kingdom.

- Pray that many more people would hear the call of God on their lives to be a light to people groups that do not yet know Jesus.
- Pray that just as Paul faithfully preached the gospel in many places, Frontiers workers would also faithfully persevere in their call to go and share the gospel in new places.
- Pray that the word of the Lord would spread throughout the Muslim world and there would be great rejoicing as many enter the kingdom of heaven.