

APRIL

Mission Spotlight



Yusuf felt deep satisfaction as he and 20 Islamic leaders from one of Islam's most ancient communities sat on the floor of a mountain retreat center. It was Christmas morning 2011, and these men and women had come to learn from him more about their newfound faith in Jesus Christ. Yusuf, a middle-aged Christian businessman, had adopted the Muslims in his city as his mission field and had led a growing number of their leaders to faith.

When I asked Yusuf the key to effectiveness, he said, "I used to try to turn them to the Christian religion. But now I try to help them come to the Lord Jesus Christ without the religious blanket."

"And how are you able to do this without persecution?" I asked. "There is persecution," they replied, and pointed to Sheikh Abu Salam, a man in his 30s clutching his Arabic-language New Testament.

"Since I began teaching about Isa [Jesus]," Abu Salam said, "I was chased from the mosque. Now I am fighting my case in the courts. I have told the court, 'This is my mosque! Why should I leave it? I have a right to worship here.'" Since Abu Salam's country determined that Muslims were free to implement sharia (Islamic law) inside the mosque, this meant that he was aggressively pursuing a course of action that could result in a death sentence.

"Why do you not just leave the mosque and form your own churches?" I asked. "Why risk everything to stay in the mosque?"

Several voices spoke up. "To reach others! If we create another church outside the mosque, there will be a gap between us and the lost. We stay in the mosque to reach our lost families and friends."

Interviews reveal multiple factors that have led to today's historic movements: new Bible translations, bold Christian witness, Internet and satellite television and radio broadcasts, and Muslim's own revulsion at the violence they experienced from fellow Muslims. Undergirding each of these factors have been the faithful prayers of thousands of Christians around the world.

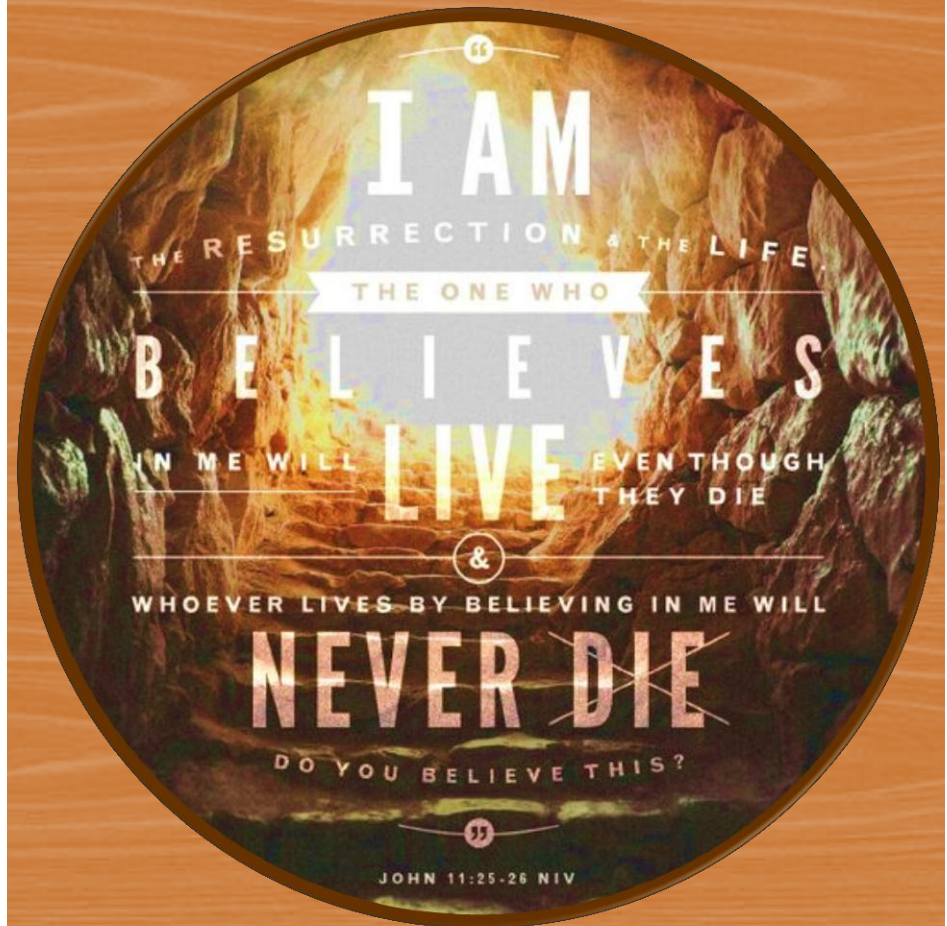
- David Garrison

Prayer Points:

- * that Muslim movements to Christ continue and result in a global turning of Muslims to Christ
- * that Christians will respond to current turmoil within the Muslim world with the gospel rather than revenge and violence
- * for Muslims who turn to faith in Jesus Christ, as it is a capital offense in most Islamic countries for a Muslim to change his or her religion

Grace Chapel

RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017



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Children	Jessica Longo & Jennica Trusler
Middle School Youth	Carrie Siples & Jon Moore
High School Youth	Stoney & Brandy Fisher
Women's Ministry	Chris Singer
Men's Ministry	Riley Decker
Elders	Jason Britton, Jim Little & Jeff Chamberlain
Deacon	Rose Sanders & Jim Zimmerman



Welcome to Grace Chapel. Please silence your cell phone when entering the sanctuary. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit with no unnecessary movement in and out of the sanctuary during the service and especially at the close of the service. Thank you!

April LifeVerse

III John 5:24 "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

Announcements

New Believer's Bible Study: We will resume this evening, 6:00pm.

Roman's A Little Deeper: Each Sunday at 6:00pm with childcare provided.

Prayer: 7:00pm each Wednesday with childcare available. Sunday prayer, 10:00am-12:00pm, held upstairs for Pastor Tim, Jeremy, the church, ministries and the Body of Christ.

Women of Grace: A breakfast with donuts, pastries, juice and coffee is planned for Sunday, April 23 at 9:00am. Chris Singer will share her testimony. Hope to see you all there.

Baptism, Sunday April 23: Please see Pastor Tim after church today if you are interested. Baptism instruction meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19, 6:00pm.

Prayer Path: We are going to build a prayer path in the woods behind the church. We will work on the path each Saturday evening at 5:00pm. We need volunteers, tools, machinery, materials, and donations

to help build the prayer path. All volunteers are welcome. See Riley Decker or Paul Baty with questions or to share your ideas.

World Vision Global 6K for Water: May 6th, at 8am at Forest Park in Brazil. Follow link on Facebook to sign up.

Wedding Shower: There will be a wedding shower for Kenzie Stearley on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00pm. She is registered at Walmart & Amazon.

Men of Grace: There will not be a breakfast in the month of May. We will resume in June.

Gifts & Offerings: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8 Boxes are located on the wall at each entrance/exit for gifts and offerings.

Through the Bible together in 2017. Week 16:

- April 16 ~ 1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 13:23-35
- April 17 ~ 2 Samuel 1-2; Luke 14:1-24
- April 18 ~ 2 Samuel 3-5; Luke 14:25-35
- April 19 ~ 2 Samuel 6-8; Luke 15:1-10
- April 20 ~ 2 Samuel 9-11; Luke 15:11-32
- April 21 ~ 2 Samuel 12-13; Luke 16
- April 22 ~ 2 Samuel 14-15; Luke 17:1-19

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Children & Youth Corner

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH: 9-12th Grade

SHY meet Thursday @ Stoney & Brandy Fisher's home at 6:30-8:00pm. Ask a SHY member or leader for more info!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH: 6-8th Grade

MSY will meet each Sunday during the sermon EXCEPT the first Sunday of each month so we can all enjoy communion with the congregation.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Newborn - 5th Grade

- Please let Jennica or Jessica know if you are interested in volunteering in the Children's Ministry.
- Grace Kids Summer Fellowship: Will be held June 8-10. Anyone wanting to help plan this event is welcome to join us for the next meeting Sunday, April 23 after church.