

Mission of the Month - Arab World Ministries

30 DAYS OF PRAYER 2019

What is Ramadan about?

Ramadan starts on 6th May and marks a significant time in the year for Muslims. Islamic teaching calls them to examine their life and faith during this period of self-restraint. Many use this time to earnestly seek after God for His cleansing and guidance.

Practising Muslims will get up early to eat before sunrise and then refraining from food and fluids until sunset throughout the 30-day fast.

We're praying for Christ to speak

For more than 30 years, Christians worldwide have united in prayer to ask Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to speak into people's lives. Many Muslims have testified to hearing God's call on their life as they earnestly fasted and prayed during Ramadan.

The Bible says:

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. John 10: 2-3

Will you join thousands of Christians worldwide to pray for Christ to speak His words of hope and life to Muslim people this Ramadan?

Vicar's Comment

There's an old hymn that begins '*Tell me the old, old story, Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love*'. At Eastertime the 'old, old story' is re-told at churches around the world, as the accounts of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection are shared once more, and Christians celebrate Jesus winning redemption for us through all He did.

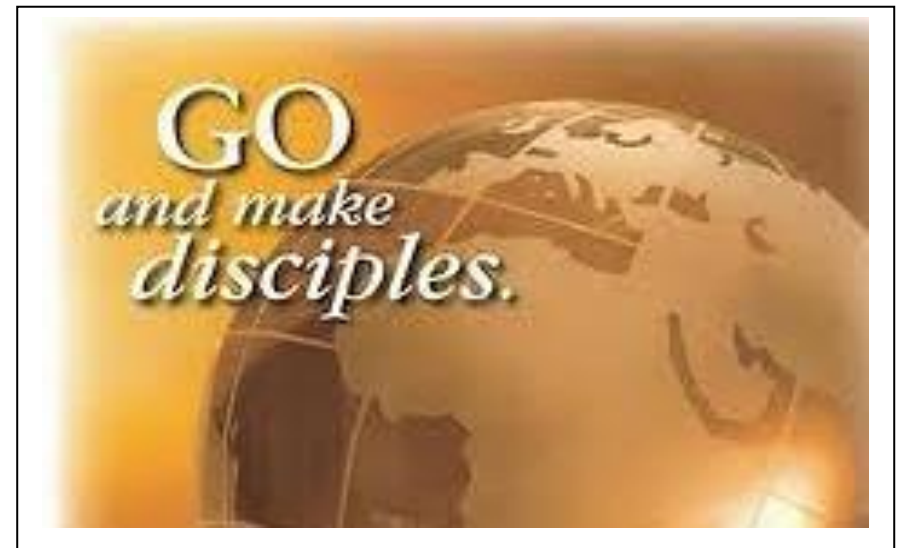
It all happened nearly 2,000 years ago and so it certainly is old, and yet even in 2019AD this 'old, old story' remains the message that can save. Perhaps the modern world feels like a confusing place where you feel you can barely keep up, but at heart the needs are the same - the need for forgiveness, adoption, reconciliation and new life from God.

So don't be afraid to share the 'old, old story' - it is as relevant as it ever was. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4: '*what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...*' (NIV). This Eastertime and always, celebrate the 'old, old story'.

(Katherine Hanky wrote the lyrics in 1866, George Washington Doane wrote the music.)

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Memory Verse

'...go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you'

Matthew 28: 19-20 (NIV)

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