

# 2019 GLOBAL STAFF SUMMIT



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# GOD'S WORK IN AFRICA!

Dear Friends,

Three decades have passed since Horizons International was born as a Christian mission to the world.

On May 7, 1990, Horizons' newly formed Board of Directors applied for our 501.c.3 status, and work began immediately.

My family and a small team ventured out in faith, and God's faithfulness in return has been awesome and humbling. The last thirty years have brought miracles above and beyond my dreams and expectations. Every year since 1990, we have seen hundreds, or even thousands of souls saved, as we have expanded from Boulder, Colorado to other US states, to Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe.

The Lord supported us through many difficult times. Sometimes I thought, "this is the end." But all glory be to God, for we are not only still here, but we are seeing more fruit than ever before. I say this every year—because it is true every year! Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and His faithfulness always exceeds what we could imagine or ask for.

With that in mind, I invite you to Horizons International's 30th Anniversary Banquet, so that we may celebrate God's work together.

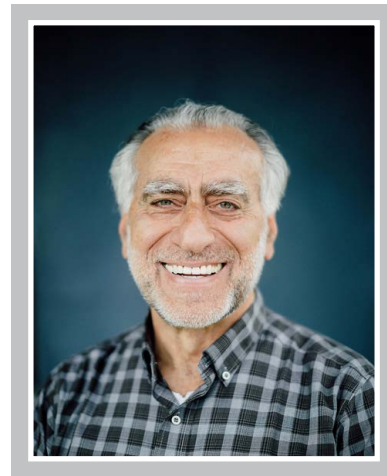
Hundreds of our friends, supporters, and prayer partners are making the effort to come. You will hear reports from the field, share in a delicious meal, and meet our Horizons family.

Additionally, you will be able to visit our Boulder headquarters and interact with local and international staff members who are flying in to attend. If you support a missionary with Horizons, you will probably see them there!

You do not want to miss this exceptional event. At this early date, we are still working out details, but here's what you need to save the date:

**Horizons International 30th Anniversary Banquet**  
**Saturday May 9, 2020**  
**Boulder, Colorado (Location TBA)**

**Make Sure to RSVP Online: [horizonsinternational.org/banquet](http://horizonsinternational.org/banquet)**



**North Africa** – H and Y are leading a church plant with a congregation of 15-20 believers. Horizons Lebanon periodically sends experienced teachers to the church, to hold discipleship training events and mentor the believers and leaders. We pray that the gospel will continue grow in this Islamic stronghold.



**North Africa** – The S family operates a language school in a closed country in North Africa that serves over 150 students every three months. At the school, the S family identifies and forms relationships with students and families with whom they can share the gospel.



**Egypt** – Horizons operates two lighthouse centers in Egypt, each of which serves roughly 200 Muslim orphans and widows through Christian events, food supplies, and gifts. Additionally, our staff members train local pastors to engage in effective gospel outreach, and disciple potential leaders in the Christian community.



**Zambia** – Horizons partners with non-profit WOTA Ministries and for-profit Sambah Naturals to train and send Zambian missionaries to other countries, empower Christians through increased earning power, educate children and train them as future leaders, and improve local infrastructure and access to critical resources.



**South Africa** – For over 17 years, Allain and Nicole Ravelo-Hoerson have ministered to believers in S Africa and surrounding countries. Speaking at churches and conferences, leading discipleship and leadership training events, maintaining one of the largest Christian libraries in Africa, and conducting research and writing papers, the Ravelo-Hoersons have trained and inspired thousands in South Africa and beyond to bring the gospel to Muslims.

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Beirut, Lebanon, is becoming known as the epicenter of Christian resurgence in the Middle East, in part due to God's work through Horizons International. From June 17-21, Beirut was also the epicenter of yet another Christ-centered revival: Horizons International's 2019 Global Staff Summit!

Over 130 global staff members convened for this weeklong gathering, which encouraged staff members, fostered team unity, and promoted core values. Throughout the week, activities were balanced between structured presentation days and free time for staff members to explore Lebanon and develop deeper relationships with one another.

**Monday-Tuesday:** Worship, ministry presentations, breakouts and meals at the Padova Hotel.

**Wednesday:** Evangelistic refugee house visits and a Syrian cultural event with worship music and dancing.

**Thursday:** Staff picnic at a park in the mountains of Lebanon.

**Friday:** Staff hike in the "Cedars of God" and lunch at Byblos.

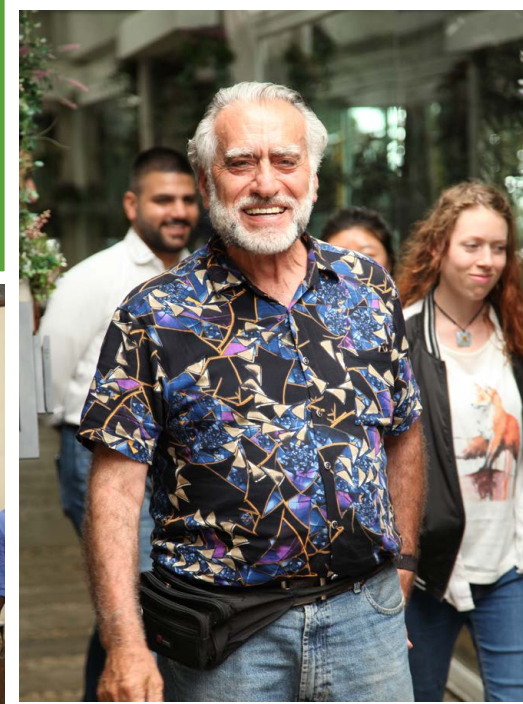
The 2019 Summit focused on Horizons' 6 Core Values, which are the spiritual foundations that have allowed our global staff to maintain unity while conducting their unique personal ministries and callings. In both discussion and Q&A format, Georges and Pierre Houssney and the Leadership Team addressed how Horizons maintains submission to God's authority for unity and fruitfulness.

Staff members also enjoyed presentations and panel discussions about the Middle East Center ([horizonsinternational.org/MEC](http://horizonsinternational.org/MEC)), member care resources, discipleship approaches, and building effective ministry. The many talented musicians on our staff led worship sessions with songs from around the world, celebrating God's glory to save and redeem all the nations.



Over the years, Horizons International has been blessed with incredibly talented and committed staff in every area of our ministry. We pray for continued growth in unity and in numbers, so that God may be glorified ever more among the nations.

*"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." – Ephesians 4:16*





# STAFF SUMMIT TESTIMONIALS!



I have never experienced a time like the Staff Summit. Although I have heard much about our ministry in Lebanon, I could not have known its full extent without witnessing it. So many many refugees and Muslims are flocking to hear the gospel, filling the lighthouse centers, and engaging in discipleship relationships. Praise God! I was blessed to congregate with my fellow believers who have taken hold of the Great Commission, and who minister locally and globally every day.  
—Noah Karp, Marketing and Communications Manager in Boulder, CO

It was beautiful to meet so many members of the worldwide Horizons family at the Global Summit, sharing and learning from each others' experiences in ministry. I love that Horizons trains people from different nationalities and backgrounds, and then sends them to minister to their own people, because they share the culture and background of their own people. This is what Horizons did for me: they empowered me to reach my own Kurdish people.  
—Nihad Hasan, Pastor and Director of Kurdish Ministries in Beirut, Lebanon



It was amazing to see the whole staff gather at the Global Summit! I knew most of them already, but I was inspired and refreshed to catch up and spend time with them. The Horizons family shares a focus on expanding the Kingdom of God, submission to the Word of God, readiness to learn and grow and change according to biblical principles, selflessness, and beautiful family unity.  
—Patil Kazanjian, Training Coordinator in Beirut, Lebanon

I was encouraged to learn more about the ministry in Lebanon, and about others around the world. I was especially impacted by people's various backgrounds, and the testimonies they had of coming to know Jesus and becoming connected to Horizons. It was a powerful reminder of how our God is at work.  
—Kyle Stob, Operations Manager in Boulder, CO



For me, the summit was both a family gathering and family in action. I had not previously known that Horizons encompasses such a large and diverse grouping of like-minded people. I am encouraged by how Horizons lives out its core values, especially "Kingdom Collaboration"—the work is all about advancing Jesus Christ's Kingdom. The diverse age range of Horizons' staff members speaks of a dynamic tomorrow in the service of the Master. The Middle East is sharing the gospel with the rest of the world, and we will be part of it.  
—Barry Illunga, Pastor and Leader of WOTA Ministries in Zambia

At my second global summit, I was thankful to meet the many others serving with Horizons in different places around the world—especially in Lebanon, where the Lord has greatly uses Horizons staff members and their ministries to bring many Muslim refugees to Christ and to help them grow in the Body of Christ.  
—Board Member, Horizons International Asia



# ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY: TWO DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED SYSTEMS



When we share the gospel with Muslims, they often contend that Islam and Christianity are similar or the same; that the theistic moralism of Mohammad equates to Christian salvation through Jesus. After all, the Qur'an tells stories of Isa (Jesus) and other biblical prophets, and purports to be the third prophetic book after the Torah and the Bible! This often leads Muslim apologists and even well-intentioned Christians to the erroneous conclusion that Islam is simply another way to reach the same God. As ambassadors of Christ, we must be ready to counter this attractive yet deceptive claim, even when doing so seems potentially offensive, in order to accurately preach God's Word.

**"Islam is the most Christian-like yet the most anti-Christian of all religions."**

— Samuel Zwemer

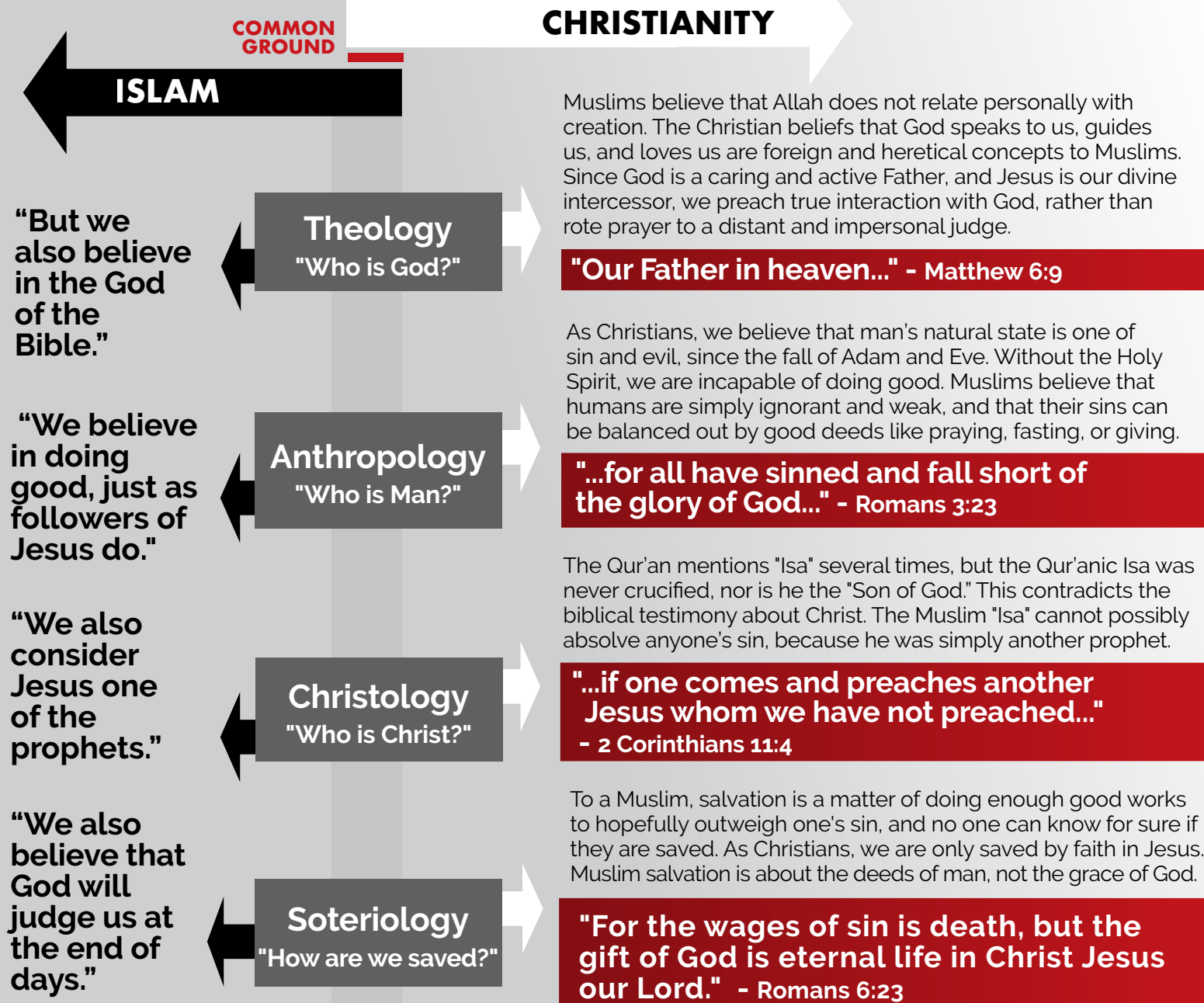




Photo: Horizons staff at Lebanon's "Cedars of God" forest during the 2019 Global Summit.

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