



PROCLAIM FROM THE ROOFTOPS



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Photo: Staff member Haytham Reslan, praying for Beirut on the roof of the Horizons Café.

MATTHEW 10:27

The numbers of unbelievers around the world is staggering - **the Church has a big job to do!** It's time to lift up our voices and spread the news of **salvation in Christ – it's still good news** for each person, whether they are American, Syrian, Chinese, French, or any other nationality. Believers worldwide **must all share this news** with openness and loving boldness, regardless of whether we think others are open or closed to the gospel. You never know at what moment God might open a person's heart. **I wish I could tell you that if you give a generous donation to Horizons, you'll have done your part of the Great Commission – but it's just not true.**

Though we need your financial support, we also want to help you to share the gospel in your area, especially among international students and Muslims. In this edition you will find **useful tips for sharing the gospel**, as well as encouraging stories from around the world. It is my prayer that this newsletter would encourage you to reach out more, and that **the Lord would use you** to bring others to Christ!

Pierre Rashad Housney
MENA Regional Director

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10 PRINCIPLES

FOR A POWERFUL WITNESS

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In over 40 years of evangelism, I have found that more people come to Christ when I meditate on and apply these simple biblical principles. If you would like God to use you to bring others to Christ, take a step of faith and put these principles to the test.

- 1 Spiritual preparation: fasting and prayer.** (Matthew 4:1-16) Spend time praying for people with whom you want to share the gospel.
- 2 Many are called, but few are chosen.** (Matthew 22:14) Many will reject the message, but some will accept it – we need to preach to many to find the few.
- 3 How will they believe if no one tells them?** (Romans 10:13-15) If we do not tell them, who will?
- 4 God loves his children, his treasured possession.** (Exodus 19:4-6) **God loves sinners and hates their sin.** (Matthew 11:19; John 8:11; Romans 5:8) Jesus loved the lost and befriended sinners.
- 5 Jesus preached repentance.** (Matthew 4:17) In our modern cultures, we often prefer to emphasize the more positive, comfortable aspects of the gospel. But people need to be challenged, lovingly, with the concept of repentance – it will offend many, but it will save some.
- 6 Do not be afraid, the Kingdom is yours.** (Luke 12:32) **"I am with you."** (Matthew 28:20)
- 7 The gospel is foolish to the perishing but powerful to those being saved.** (1 Corinthians 1:18) Sometimes we avoid sharing the gospel because we know it sounds foolish to unbelievers, but we must keep trying to communicate it to them – the Word of God will not return in vain.
- 8 Assume people are open until they prove they are closed.** (Revelation 3:6-8)
- 9 Nothing is done by eloquence or human wisdom but only through the power of the Spirit.** (1 Corinthians 2:1-4) The power is not in our words, but in the Word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit.
- 10 Jesus spoke in parables, stories, and mysteries.** (Matthew 13:10) Speak the gospel using examples from everyday life, and leave room for questions and mystery.

Georges Houssney
President, Horizons International



“DON'T BUY ANY-THING FROM THEM!”

One day, two of my friends and I went out to share the love of Jesus on the streets in Beirut, Lebanon. As I was walking, I saw a man watching us with a scornful expression on his face. I didn't let his look intimidate me, and I approached him anyway. As we shared the gospel with him, he was very rude and resentful. We left him with the words, "Jesus loves you." We continued walking along the street, and noticed that this man was following us. We decided not to pay any attention to him.

Then we met a young man who was very receptive, so we started to give him a Bible. The man following us started yelling loudly in the middle of the street, saying, "Don't buy! Don't buy anything from them!" We gave the young man the Bible, and turned around to address the man. I approached him gently and said, "Sir, we aren't selling anything, we are giving away these Bibles for free." When he heard that we were giving them away for free, the man's anger turned to shock and he asked us, "Why would you do that?"

We explained that everybody deserves to know the words written in this book, for they are Spirit and Life. And then we were able to share the complete gospel message with him: the reason Jesus came, was crucified, and rose again. This man was so touched that he ended up giving his life to Jesus right there on the spot. As we led him in a prayer of repentance, his eyes were filled with tears. In the end, he walked away with a Bible in his hands. Praise God!

This experience was incredibly encouraging for me, and it also taught me a very powerful lesson: Do not be intimidated by the expressions or the body language of a person, or their initial reaction to the gospel. Trust completely in the life-changing power found in the words of Jesus – they can change a person right on the streets.

Avo Kazazian
Communications Coordinator, Beirut, Lebanon

“HE IS THE ONE WE PROCLAIM, ADMONISHING AND TEACHING EVERYONE WITH ALL WISDOM, SO THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERYONE FULLY MATURE IN CHRIST.”

Colossians 1:28





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TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM



Diagnose the need. Jesus asked questions!

Ask questions to show interest. Do not interrogate.
Be personal. Ask about their lives.
Identify areas of struggle.



FROM THE HOUSSNEY

GEORGES TOOLBOX

“Have you ever had a dream of Jesus? Nightmares of hell?”



“How do you know whether you are going to heaven?”



“Have you ever read the Injeel (gospel)?”



“Have you heard of this story that Jesus told?”
(Pick an appropriate parable.)



“Good question! But what do you think about...?”



“I want to answer you, but this is advanced. You need to know basics first.”



“Do you want the two-minute answer or the two-hour answer?”



“Before I answer you, can you first answer this question for me?”



“There is a more important question to ask.”



“Before I answer, I want to explain something...”

Georges Housney
President, Horizons International



Guide the conversation.

Take charge and do not let yourself be sidetracked, but do not dominate. Offer to meet again. Invite him or her to your home. Pray with them and for them, in private, with their permission (Muslims rarely refuse an offer to pray for them).



Do not argue.

If you get into an argument, just be quiet. Stay focused. Relax. God is in charge. Let them say what they want to and do not interrupt. After the person dumps on you, ask: Are you ready to let me say something now? Rather than argue back, give your testimony. Tell about any answered prayers. Changed lives and answered prayers are evidence of the living God. This may defuse the argument.



Answering difficult questions:

Do not panic. Pray in your heart and ask God for help. Do not feel obligated to answer every question. Some questions are traps or distractions. Change the topic if necessary – ignore the question and say what you want to say.



Watch and pray for the right time to ask your friend to make a decision to follow Jesus!



Listen genuinely before you speak.

Listen to personal needs and address them with a prayerful attitude. Don't answer questions unless you know the answer. Be willing to say, “I don't know.”

Don't monopolize the conversation. Engage people in discussion. Ask questions to **make sure they understand** (and not just “do you understand?”).

Do not hit and run; linger until you get a good idea. Remember that you are **developing a relationship**, not just trying to prove a point.

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL AT YOUR WORKPLACE!

Lately God opened an opportunity for me to teach math to refugee children between the ages of 9 and 15 in a community center. In prayer, God also led me to open the subject of faith with them.

The first time I talked about faith, some kids were rebellious and started to discuss things from the Qur'an. I continued to talk about God and Jesus at least once per week, without getting into debates. I was praying with them, even in Jesus' name! Some of them refused to close their eyes and pray with us. Toward the end of the year I reminded them of what we talked about throughout the year, and we closed with prayer. Amazingly, this time they all closed their eyes and prayed with us. Then, while leaving class at the end, they came and thanked me. I pray that God will use them to reach their families, and bless them in Jesus' name.

Pierrette Soueid, Beirut, Lebanon



GET EQUIPPED TO PROCLAIM



1. SAUDI OUTREACH CONFERENCE

**Feb 15-17, 2018:
Dallas-Ft Worth, TX**

GET EQUIPPED TO REACH MUSLIM STUDENTS IN THE US

For more info, contact training@horizonsinternational.org



2. LEGACY CONFERENCE

**May 31–June 2, 2018:
Dearborn, MI**

A CONFERENCE ABOUT MUSLIMS, MISSIONS, AND THE HEART OF GOD

For more info, visit LegacyConference.org

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FRIENDLY CONVERSATION LEADING TO RADICAL FAITH!

Two years ago "Shen" accepted the opportunity to make an American friend through our friendship program. I matched her with a woman ("Melissa") from our church and the two of them hit it off immediately. They met weekly for friendly conversation, and **it wasn't long before Shen began to ask questions** about Christianity and the Bible. Over time Melissa opened the scriptures and shared the good news of Jesus with Shen. After some time, Shen began to attend a Chinese church, where she received more teaching from God's word.

Her husband also attended sporadically. Melissa and Shen continued to meet as Melissa shared the goodness of God's grace. I recently received a call from Melissa who excitedly shared that Shen had accepted Christ and was being baptized!

Rich Duke, Denver, Colorado

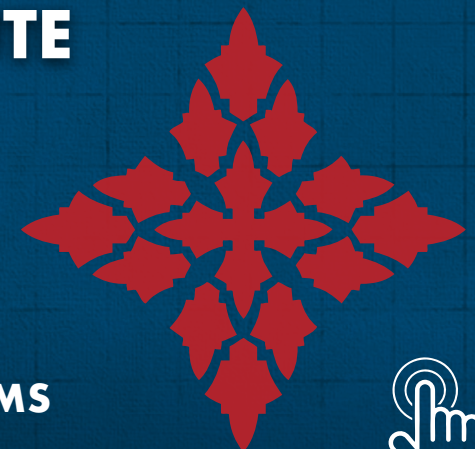


3. ENGAGING ISLAM INSTITUTE

**June 4–15: Beirut, Lebanon
July 23–Aug 3: Boulder, CO**

FOR LONG-TERM WORKERS AMONG MUSLIMS

For more info, visit: engagingislam.org/institute



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ISLAM SPREADING IN HONG KONG

MUSLIMS CLAIM: "I LOVE JESUS BECAUSE I'M A MUSLIM!"

The Hong Kong Muslim Council launched a street Dawah (inviting people to Islam) in Hong Kong on Sunday, and they have 1000+ Qur'ans and Islamic flyers to distribute. They have been doing this every month for two years. We believe it is organized by iERA, an UK based Islamic Dawah organization. They openly attacked the deity of Christ by quoting the Qur'an and the Bible during Christmas. They wear attractive shirts showing the message, "I love Jesus because I'm a Muslim". I'm mobilizing Hong Kong churches to pray and engage this Dawah team.

Edward and Sandy
Horizons International Asia



Please join us in prayer that none would be deceived, and that Christians would be more active and bold in sharing the gospel!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? ADOPT A PROJECT!



Jordan Outreach Center Funds Needed: \$1,800/Month

Horizons has established a center in Jordan in order to reach out to locals and refugees and share the gospel with them. Currently the center is being run by volunteers, with no dedicated funding. \$1,800 per month would allow Horizons to support two indigenous workers, as well as cover the rent, utilities, and basic ministry expenses.



Will you pledge a monthly gift to help the Jordan center become fully operational?
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