



# RAISING UP OTHERS

## EQUIPPING GENERATIONS TO PROCLAIM AND DISCIPLE

Three words define Horizons International:

**Proclaim, Disciple, and Equip.**

This issue will focus on the third word – **Equip.**

It's the word that completes the cycle and makes it a spiral. "Equip" represents reproduction. It is where ministry ceases to be about "me" and takes us to a different level.

In **2 Tim. 2:2**, Paul urges Timothy to "entrust [his teachings] to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." When we equip others, their success becomes our goal!

Thus, this edition of On the Horizon is about

**raising up others.** We pray that this newsletter will encourage you and equip you personally, so that you would likewise equip others for the work of the gospel.

-Georges Housney,  
President, Horizons International

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# ENGAGING ISLAM BEIRUT: A NEW GENERATION OF TRAINERS



Photo: People receiving Christ at the evangelistic event that culminated the Engaging Islam Institute

This year's Engaging Islam Institute in Beirut, Lebanon was one of our most exciting training events yet. Over 50 trainees were present for 2 weeks of classroom teaching in the mornings, and evangelistic outreaches in the afternoons.

A week before the event, Georges Housney trained a group of around 12 Middle Eastern staff members and interns to teach the curriculum, and chose seven to teach alongside him.

This was an exciting development in our plan to and expand Horizons' training staff so that we can respond to more of the many requests from around the world, asking Horizons for training in how to effectively reach Muslims with the gospel.

One exciting dimension of the Engaging Islam Institute in Beirut is that students receive not only classroom teaching, but on the field experience in reaching Muslims. Students hit the streets in the afternoons, as well as on 3

full-day outreaches throughout Lebanon. They had hundreds of opportunities to share the gospel with Muslims, and **they distributed thousands of tracts and Bibles.**

**The team saw several people proclaim faith in Christ** during the outreaches and even experienced the Lord healing those who were prayed for!

The teams distributed over a thousand flyers inviting people to an evangelistic event that concluded the 2-week training. Over 450 people showed up for a night of worship, drama, and an evangelistic message by Pastor Georges. At the end, **over 40 people came forward** and prayed to commit their lives to Jesus.

We praise God for this amazing training event and are now planning for the next Engaging Islam Institute in Beirut in June 2018. We invite you to join us next year to hone your skills in reaching Muslims and see lives transformed for Christ!

**Know someone interested in serving among Muslims?**

Share this opportunity with them!

They can write us at: [training@horizonsinternational.org](mailto:training@horizonsinternational.org)





## EVANGELISM & HEALING

During the EI Institute, our team went out to proclaim Christ in the Tyre region of Lebanon. Upon arriving there, **they encountered a Muslim paralyzed beggar sitting on a wheelchair**. He had been unable to even move his legs for the last seven years.

This situation reminded our team members of the beggar found in the book of Acts. As they were sharing about Christ and ministering to this man about the love of God and Jesus Christ, it became heavy on their hearts to pray for him. As they laid their hands on his feet and prayed earnestly, to their amazement, his legs began to shake, he was able to move his toes, and **was able to walk by himself for 10-15 feet, for the first time in seven years!!**

The man was struck with joy and amazement, and even **came along with us, sharing the gospel with others in the region!!**

To continue walking further distances, he will need some physical therapy, as the muscles in his legs and feet had become very weak from not using them for a long time, and need to be rejuvenated.

Before leaving, our team connected him to a local church, so that he may become an established believer, and grow in his salvation.



Above: Two staff members teaching at the EI Institute



Staff pray with those in need of healing and salvation, at an evangelistic event at the EI Institute.



Horizons staff pray for the paralyzed beggar



# CHINESE CHRISTIANS REACHING MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

Pastor C. preaching at a local gathering

In 2008, a quiet Malaysian pastor attended the Engaging Islam training in Boulder, Colorado.

During the classes he carefully transcribed all the teachings, then upon returning home he translated all the materials into Chinese. When we found out his heart for training Chinese people to reach the Muslims of China we began partnering with him. Pastor C travels throughout China, particularly the Northwest where many Muslims live, and he trains pastors, lay leaders, and Bible school students in how to engage Muslims with the gospel.

Although China is ripe for harvest, there is opposition. Occasionally the workers have been arrested for evangelism, but they continue to be bold and passionate for the gospel. Last July during a training event, one of Pastor C's partners had a dream of Pastor C being killed. They took the dream as a warning and moved the training. A half hour after they left the Chinese police came to check the building they had been meeting in.

Pastor C is fulfilling Horizons' vision of multiplying workers by empowering local Christians to reach their Muslim neighbors. China used to be a place that only received missionaries, but now the believers of China are taking responsibility to bring in the harvest in their region.



In 2016 Pastor C trained 980 students in 24 cities in China and Malaysia!

His network is reaching out to 7 Muslim people groups: Uyghur, Kazak, Kyrgyz, Hui, Boan, Donxiang, and Salah. They also are empowering Christians among 7 other minority groups in China: the Thai, Bulah, Yiche, Xiboh, Ah Lue, Yao, and Hani. His ministry network also supports 17 Chinese missionaries sent out around the region - and even into other Central Asian countries.

More workers could be sent out to the Muslims of Central Asia by Pastors C's ministry network if they receive additional funding!

**The support needed by a full-time worker is only \$230 a month! Use the enclosed response card/ envelope to contribute!**

Is God calling you to partner with this ministry? Visit: [horizonsinternational.org/give](http://horizonsinternational.org/give)



# EQUIPPING THE CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

## “I used to be a Christian!”

...the blond young man seated in front of us said as he played with his hair. “What do you mean, you used to be a Christian?” Nicole and I asked in unison. His story sounded familiar. He had been asking a variety of spiritual questions at his church youth group when his faith was riddled with doubts but did not receive helpful answers. Often, he was told to accept things by faith. “I was not offered any good reason to continue believing in Christianity. It was very frustrating” he explained. When he went to the University of Cape Town, he became a skeptic until he fell in love with a fellow Muslim student.

## “She helped me find answers to my questions and I converted to Islam.”

Our long conversation with him left us very sad. What led this bright young man to spiritual alienation from the God of the Bible? What if the Christians on his path made the effort to pray for knowledge and wisdom and studied their faith to be able to give informed and reasonable answers to his searching questions? What if the issues of Islam’s heart, mind and purpose were addressed in his youth group and church? What if the followers of Christ showed him more care and concern?

That conversation made us more determined than ever to train and equip individuals and congregations in Cape Town. Our desire is to see evangelical congregations around the city ignited by the flames of passion for the Lord Jesus Christ so that their Muslim friends may echo the words of the disciples in Emmaus: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

– Allain and Nicole Ravelo-Höerson



Allain and Nicole sharing the gospel in South Africa



# INTERNATIONAL CROSSROADS

International Crossroads is the international student ministry (ISM) of Horizons International. We are located across from the University of Colorado - Boulder campus. For 27 years, Horizons has been reaching out to the thousands of international students on the University of Colorado campus, and have since added multiple other campuses around the US.

In the past, we have come across wonderful volunteers within our local community who wanted to give more time to the ministry but did not have the resources to dedicate the time needed to expand the ministry. But interns can help significantly in this area!

That's why, starting this semester, we want to offer internship opportunities to qualified students.

Do you know someone who'd like to be a part of this exciting new program?

Help us train future interns by giving to the ISM Internship Fund, to help provide interns with housing, meals, and training, to disciple and equip these interns to be future ministry leaders!

**If you would like to give to this program, sponsor an international dinner, or help with any other areas of need, please email us at:**

**ahmed@internationalcrossroads.org  
or call us at (303) 442-3333**

## VOLUNTEER DINNER - JOIN US!

International Crossroads will be hosting our first **Volunteer Dinner on Friday, August 11th at 6:00PM.**

This event is designed to gather all our wonderful ISM volunteers and workers from the Boulder/Denver area and spend time in fellowship together. Georges and Andre Housney will be sharing past experiences and vision for International Crossroads. What better way to kick off the new school year than with friendship and good food?!



**If you are a volunteer or might like to be one, please join us on August 11th at 6 PM!  
For more information and to sign up, visit:**

**[horizonsinternational.org/international-crossroads](http://horizonsinternational.org/international-crossroads)**

# BIBLICALMISSIONOLOGY.ORG

## IMPACTING GLOBAL MISSIONS



Since 2009, Horizons has been working with a diverse group of like-minded missionaries, scholars, Bible translators, and pastors, to advocate for biblical methods in missions.

Take a look at the BibMiss website (above) to read and share fascinating articles, including:

**Is Allah the God of the Bible?**

**Do the 99 "beautiful names of Allah" represent the Triune God of the Bible?**

**Is the Scandal for Muslims the How or the Who?**

**Factors leading to conversion of Muslims to Christ**

**5 Reasons "Muslim Friendly" Bible Translations are Counterproductive**



## TRAINING PARTNERS TO REACH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For many years Horizons has been partnering with other organizations and individuals on training ISM (International Student Ministry) workers in the best practices of Muslim ministry - especially on US college and university campuses. This event, and ongoing initiative is well planned, managed, and taught by experienced practitioners with impact on hundreds of workers each year.

Through an annual conference, online prayer, webinars, social media, and local trainings, ISM workers across the country are being equipped to help Muslims find Jesus. We are already seeing former Muslim individuals who were impacted by this ministry now become leaders and speakers within the initiative.

It is also exciting to be unified with other organizations with the same gospel emphasis as Horizons. Through these partnerships we are able to collaborate and extend the reach farther than we ever could alone - and ISM workers are able to connect for ideas and resources.

**If you have questions on getting involved in ISM ministry or getting training and resources through this initiative, please contact us at:**

**[training@horizonsinternational.org](mailto:training@horizonsinternational.org)**



# HELP EXPAND THE SCHOOL OF HOPE

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Help us expand from 76 to 120 students with your gift of \$55/month per child

For more information, contact Annie Ostrander, School of Hope Sponsorship Coordinator: [schoolofhope@horizonsinternational.org](mailto:schoolofhope@horizonsinternational.org)



# THE SYRIAN REFUGEE FIRE CRISIS

On July 2, 2017, tragedy struck a Syrian refugee camp in the Bekaa Valley, as the whole camp was accidentally burned to the ground, leaving 1 dead, several seriously injured, and the whole multitude without shelter and provision.

After hearing this devastating news, the next day the Horizons team was among the first groups to rush to the site to help! We distributed mattresses to 115 families, who were extremely grateful for our help. They were so touched by the kindness and love of our team ministering to them; so much that they invited us to have a permanent tent among them during our future visits. 135 of them have already registered for our food portion distributions.

Use the enclosed response card/envelope to help Horizons share the gospel with these unreached Syrian refugees!



Want to do more?

**PRAY:** sign up for daily or weekly prayer updates! [main@horizonsinternational.org](mailto:main@horizonsinternational.org)

**GIVE:** help Horizons proclaim, disciple, and equip! [horizonsinternational.org/give](http://horizonsinternational.org/give)

**GO:** attend or host a training event! [Engagingislam.org](http://Engagingislam.org)

