## **IBRAHIM MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**



# Christmas Bulletin

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### Message from Daniel & Mariat Scot

Recently, I have been prayerfully focussing and writing on a very important and difficult subject – *The Deity of Christ*, especially how to explain this subject to Muslims. Over the past few months, I have been praying, reading and writing on the last chapter of this book, namely 'God Dwelling among His people'. God created us so that we can have an intimate relationship with Him. God revealed it before the fall as He used to meet with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. All of us know the story of the fall of humanity, which destroyed the intimate relationship between God and humans.

During the dealing of God with His people, the Israelites, God made some interim arrangements to dwell among His people such as the building of the Tabernacle and later of the Temple. God's hatred of sin did not diminish but God introduced a foreshadowing of the temporary remission of the sin through animal sacrifice (Hebrews 9:6-14, 22-26). Nonetheless, people of God knew that no amount of such sacrifices can remove the sin problem (Psalm 49: 7-9, 15) and, early on, God revealed Himself as the Redeemer of His people (Isaiah 54:5).

With this assurance of God's redemption, God's people can have peace of mind as Job declares; "I know my Redeemer lives and I will see Him with my own eyes" (Job 19:25, 26). God planted eternity in human hearts (Ecclesiastes 3:11) – a kind of God-like vacuum which only can be filled by God Himself and nothing else.

In due course of time, the Word of God took on human flesh and tabernacled in this world among His people (John 1:14). At the birth of Jesus Christ, the choir of Angels sung, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased" (Luke 2:13-14). The peace of God is extended to all who repent from their sins and accept Jesus Christ as their person Lord and Saviour.

The Christmas season is a joyful season. But the real joy is only experienced when we have following order in our lives:

### J = Jesus first in my life;

O = others - all relations, second;

#### Y = yourself last.

The Lord Jesus is the Prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6). Unless He takes the first place in our lives, we cannot have His peace. The joy of the Lord should be our strength. The Joy of the Lord increases as we share "the message of reconciliation to God" with others (1 Corinthians 5:17-21). The joy amplifies so much that it reaches heaven and God's Angels also rejoice.

We pray and hope that as you will prepare for this joyful season's celebrations, you will also focus and fix your eyes on the real joy giver – our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the Author and Perfector of our faith. And also we pray that God will give you the opportunities and word in season so that you can communicate the message of God's love and saving power with people around you.



Mave a blessed & Joyful Christmas & New Year?



## **Important Update**

Next year, 2017 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IMI. Over that time we have all seen the huge changes in the world caused by the threat of Islam but still there are millions of Australian's who have the attitude "she will be right, mate". The directors and management of IMI recently met to discuss the serious issue of our lack of finances. Unless there is an injection of funds within the next couple of months we may have to give notice to Cornerstone church that we will have to close the office and run our ministry from home. We have thousands of books and other research related material so this is not an ideal situation as there are facilities provided by Cornerstone that are used for fellowship meetings, Pakistani friendship meetings, etc.

The ministry has a small number of financial supporters who regularly give on a monthly basis and we are so thankful for their support. These monthly commitments just keep the ministry going i.e. office rent, a very low level of remuneration for Daniel & Mariat, and other office costs such as telephone, internet and local travel costs.

We desperately need the addition of extra funds to ensure our current office is maintained but also to support book publishing such as The Windows into the Our'an; Silenced; & Summary of the Our'an, as we have run out of stocks. Please consider prayerfully if you are able to contribute monthly or a one off gift to assist the ministry this way.

With the growth of Islam occurring rapidly now is the time to educate Australians on the potential impact and our books are very useful tools.

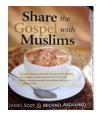
May the Lord Bless you for your faithful support of the ministry.

Colin Johnston IMI Treasurer



# Books Sale—special price until 31 December 2016

Share the Gospel with Muslims
by D Scot & M Abdulhuq
Price: \$15 + postage





Critique: Learning from One Another ...

By Daniel Scot

Price: \$8 + postage

## A 5 Disc DVD Series of introducing Islam



Local experts in the field of Islamics — Daniel & Mariat Scot, John Arnold and Gerhard Nehls — focus on topics such as: Are God and Allah the same? Jesus in Islam; Islamic culture; Answering Muslim objections; Women in Islam; Jihad & Abrogation - and more...

Special Price — \$50 plus postage.

Many other books on current Islamic issues by various authors are available at IMI office.

## 2016 Highlights:

In July - August we taught a course on 'Discussing Key Issues Relating to Muslims' at Asian Pacific Institute, Newmarket QLD.

Training & Fellowship Events in July and October were well attended. Dr. Power and D Scot covered the timely topics of Explaining The Trinity to Muslims and The Authenticity of the Bible. Both are commonly raised questions by Muslims.

A Seminar on *Loving our Neighbours* in Ipswich was also well attended. Participants were greatly blessed and encouraged. Many showed interest to have such seminar again in near future.

From 18/11-6/12 Ps. Masih visited Australia from the USA. There were several healing and prayer meetings in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. Praise God that many people were healed, many accepted the Lord Jesus first time in their lives and many were encouraged to pray more effectively.

Note: In 2017

Daniel & Mariat Scot are available to conduct teaching/training
Seminars/Courses on Islamic issues in Bible Colleges, home groups and mission groups & to preach in churches!!

#### 2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.



- Pray for suffering people in Syria, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Nigeria & Pakistan—for protection, provision, strength and peace of God.
- Pray for Pakistani asylum seekers in Sri Lanka and Thailand who have fled from persecution. Pray that the Lord will open doors for them to resettle in a new country.
- Pray for Aftab Family as they are still waiting to be settled in the USA. Pray that this process will be accelerated quickly.
- Pray for National and International leaders for wisdom & discernment to pursue godly laws (Proverbs 14:34).
- Pray for IMI ministry team for wisdom, discernment, protection, provision and anointing to fulfil God's Will.
- Thank you for your prayers for Daniel's health. Praise God that his treatment went well, there were no side effects and he is completely healed.

Your regular support during 2016 for the ministry of IMI to fulfil Jesus' Great Commission of sharing the Good News, and making disciples of Jesus Christ among all Nations, is greatly appreciated!!

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