

Upcoming Events@ HORIZONS INTERNATIONAL

MAY EVENTS

Cubs to Lions 2007, May 14-20, is a discipleship-training conference for Christians with a Muslim background. Two North African church leaders are flying in from France to help teach at the conference, co-sponsored by Arab World Ministries.
www.horizonsinternational.org/cubs

JUNE EVENTS

HISTIME 2007, June 4-29 in Boulder, Colorado, brings students and teachers from around the world. This intensive training in Muslim ministry and evangelism teaches American and international missionaries to effectively share the gospel with Muslims in the US and abroad."
www.histime.org

Mini-HISTIME, June 10-17, in Dearborn, Michigan, is a condensed version of our Boulder training that is centered around practical and applicable experience, and will be presented with the **Legacy**

Conference. The training culminates as students share Christ with Muslims at the Dearborn Arab International Festival.
www.histime.org

REGULAR EVENTS

International Crossroads is a weekly student outreach dinner with discussion groups, speakers, or special events. At the Horizons International Student Center, 777 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado. 6:30-8:30 PM, Friday evenings. Call Rich, 303-442-3333.
www.horizonscu.org



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GET INVOLVED IN A BROKEN WORLD



Not everyone will be called to full-time ministry. Yet God's command to make disciples of all nations extends to every believer and every church. We'd like to propose ways that you can get involved in the ministry of Horizons beyond your regular prayer and financial support, though both are vital to our day to day ministry and operations. Below you will find a few opportunities that range from a one-time participation in a ministry event to assisting in one of our training conferences!

Here's how you can get involved:

3 hours:

- Attend HISTIME graduation and dinner, Friday, June 29th, 4-7 pm, please RSVP.
- Attend a Friday night International Crossroads meeting, 6:30-9:30 pm.
- Provide a meal for an International Crossroads meeting.

3 hours per week:

- Help teach English to international students.

3 hours per month:

- Be a friendship partner to an international student.

4 hours:

- Cook 1 meal for Cubs to Lions.

1 week:

- Vacation with a purpose! Live at Horizons and cook for the entire Cubs to Lions conference, May 14-20th.

\$350:

- Cubs to Lions Scholarship for 1 Muslim convert.

\$400:

- Sponsor a missionary for one week at HISTIME.

\$500:

- Sponsor an Indian child at *Our Home* for one year. (See story on inside cover.)

Call 303-442-3333 for more information!

When Muslims become Christian, there are several challenges they face that are distinctly different from those that Americans face when they receive Christ. Islam is so intertwined with the cultural background of Muslims that encountering Christ challenges their entire worldview in a way that Westerners find hard to imagine. Muslims often come to Christ through amazing circumstances and quickly develop a strong allegiance to Christ. However, it is easy for their development to stagnate, locking them in perpetual immaturity.

Missionaries and Western churches, eager to flaunt both their success and God's work among Muslims, place baby believers in front of churches and in leadership positions too early, without proper accountability. This is detrimental to their development, and inadvertently encourages character flaws such as pridefulness and dishonesty.

In all my years of ministry to Muslims, I haven't found a discipleship program that takes into account the unique discipleship needs of converts from Islam. As I was teaching on this subject at a significant gathering of converts from North Africa, the demand for my discipleship training manual, "Cubs to Lions", was striking. For weeks I was inundated with emails asking "when is 'Cubs to Lions' going to be published? Can I have a copy?" It became clear that this material needs to be completed and made available to converts from Islam who desperately need discipleship.

This May we are holding the first ever Cubs to Lions Discipleship Training Conference in Boulder. Christians with a Muslim background will be flying in from around the country to participate. Because many of these are coming from far away and do not have the funds to come to the conference, we are offering scholarships to as many as we can.

Let's pray that God might bring success to the crucial training and discipling of these former Muslims, that they might be able to effectively bring the gospel back to their own people.



REPORT FROM THE FIELD

Last fall we welcomed Vijaya Sastry Meesala as a staff member of the global team, to direct Horizons' work in India. On a shoestring budget, he has already made a difference in the lives of many people. Here is a summary of an extended report that shows the scope and impact of this ministry. Please read it prayerfully, asking God to show you what role you may play.

INTRODUCING HORIZONS IN INDIA



work, God's love is changing lives as his name is being glorified in India.

Vijaya Sastry Meesala (Vijay) is an evangelist from Andhra Pradesh, South India, who saw the need not to just uplift weaker members of his society through educational and community development, but to reach these unreached people with the good news of Jesus Christ. As a result, in 2001 Vijay formed Reach the Nations, now a ministry of Horizons International. Through projects such as the training center, the children's home, and relief work, God's love is changing lives as his name is being glorified in India.

Training Center

Last year Vijay established a training center in the city of Gudivada in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. This training center provides a free Biblical theological education where education is expensive and out of reach for the poor. So far thirty young men have been trained and sent out to plant churches in the unreached parts of Andhra Pradesh. Vijay hopes to offer graduate and post-graduate degrees in the near future.



Each student must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, a call and vision for full-time ministry, and be willing to preach the gospel in unreached areas.

Facts about India

India contains the second largest population of Muslims, 175 million, 16.2% of the population.

Christians represent 2.3% of the population.

India is the second most populous country, after China, with a population of 1.1 billion.

Four major religions originated in India: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism.

Hindus represent 80% of the population.

English and Hindi are the primary languages in India, though there are 14 other official languages.



Some of the children who live in the Reach the Nations orphanage, Our Home. Vijay is pictured in front of the orphans in the photograph on the left.



Our Home Children's Home Project

"When I was fourteen years old, I was walking on the streets of Vijayawada, India where I saw something that my eyes could not believe. There I saw a few children, so shabby, very skinny. They were trying to grab the food from the garbage bin to fill their empty stomachs. At the same time I heard dogs barking at these hungry kids and trying to chase them away ... so that [the dogs] could eat the same food. That scene will never disappear from my mind. This incident shook my thinking and then I dedicated my life for the cause of hungry and poor children."

Our Home is located in the small village of Ventrapragada, in the state of Andhra Pradesh. It provides forsaken children with suitable shelter, food, medical facilities, and education. Each child is shown the love of God as they are rescued from poverty, malnutrition, child labor and abuse.



1,000 families affected by this flood will be the beneficiaries of this project.

Relief Work

Over 16,000 families have been affected by floods caused by tornados in the Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh. We provide humanitarian assistance in 10 villages where most people are marginal farmers, weavers, and fishermen. They receive immediate food needs, blankets, basic clothing, and medical treatment.