



Lenten/Easter Message to NHMS Partners in Witness
From Pastor Paul Knudson, Board Member

A Word of Hope and Thanksgiving from Abdul Messiah

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I greet you as partners in God's mission in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your prayers, encouragement, and support are not just appreciated; they are integral to the success of the Bisharah mission. They empower us to provide help, hope, and love while sharing the good news in India and its neighboring countries. Your role in this mission is invaluable, and we thank God for your partnership.

Young people from all backgrounds are invited to study at the Shaliach Institute, where they can deepen their understanding of the Holy Spirit and be equipped to share the redemptive gospel of Jesus Christ. Our country, India, and other South Asia regions need young men and women empowered by the knowledge of the scriptures to bring about positive change in their communities.

Shaliach Bible College and Seminary aims to serve the Church of Jesus Christ by training young men and women to walk with God, interpret and communicate His Word, and minister to His people. Christ himself is the ultimate model for Christian ministry, and it is He who said, "...I am among you as the one who serves" (Luke 22:27). Any ministry that embodies the presence of Christ is characterized by the humble giving of oneself to meet the needs of others. Muslims who come to Christ face particular challenges in their spiritual lives.

We are grateful to you all for your love and compassion for the ministry of Jesus Christ, particularly among Muslims in South Asia. May God's blessings surround you daily, and may you find peace and fulfillment in your walk with Christ, our Lord and Savior.

God bless you,
Abdul Messiah



Commencement, an Important Step In Bearing Witness



Pictured are yet one more year of graduates from the Shaliach Bible College. These students have come from many different states and Christian communities, and now will go back to their communities to provide leadership in Christian witness, most often among Muslims

in their home communities. They return equipped, but still facing challenges for their witness that call us to keep them in our prayers.

Prayers for
Founding Witness
K.K. Alavi

Pastor K.K. Alavi has recently faced a cancer diagnosis. This has been frightening in one sense, but he has received treatment for the cancer and the reports coming to him are that he is doing well. We invite your ongoing prayers for his continued recovery. He has renewed energy for his witness. We praise God for his health and witness.





Special Day of Celebration on the Ordination of Dr. Abul Messiah

We rejoice with Abdul on this special day. Pictured with Abdul are his parents, wife Usha, and sister Christina. We are thankful that Abdul is assuming day-to-day administration of the mission and school. He brings gifts that will enable this important witness to Muslims to continue and move forward in the year ahead into new adventures.



Pastors Seminar a Tremendous Success

Approximately 150 people from Kerala and Tamil Nadu attended a two-day training program for pastors. Many pastors are coming forward boldly with the desire to reach out to the Muslims in their community. Bishara publications are widely accepted and appreciated for their ministry among Muslims.

Recently, Dr. Christoph Wassermann from Germany, a long-time teacher and trainer in preparing Christian witness to Islamic people, led a previous seminar preparing Christian leaders for this witness. For many years, too many Christian pastors and other leaders were too inclined to serve their own flocks and did not have a passion for Great Commission witness.

This present sense of call to lift up the name of Jesus to Muslim people is clearly an answer to prayer. The NHMS' support of outreach through the Bishara Center is bearing fruit. Thanks be to God.

A Refuge for Endangered New Converts Can Now Be Completed

Sometimes it seems necessary to take leaps of faith with no assurance that funds will be there to complete an endeavor. Leaders at Bishara encounter new converts experiencing, at times, life-threatening persecution for their coming to faith in Christ. They went ahead through some sacrificial giving of local leaders to begin building a three-story facility to give temporary housing for these new believers needing a place of refuge.

The outside of this three-story structure was completed. This was not in our NHMS budget, but, through a special appeal, funds were raised and this facility will soon provide temporary protection to persecuted new believers. We thank God for our supporters stepping up in generosity so this refuge can now be available.

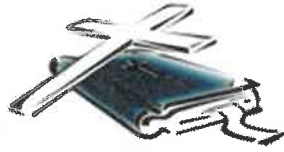


Sewing Project Still Calls for New Support

Pictured here are five simple sewing machines made available so that Bible College students and also local people can be trained to sew to support their lives and witness. The training efforts can be increased in effectiveness as support comes for other sewing machines that, in turn, may be available for those trained to have in order to provide life-saving income for them and their loved ones.



New Hope Mission Society desires to bring the love of Jesus Christ to the Muslim world.



Outreach to Training in Uganda



An amazing training program featuring teaching staff at the Shaliach Bible College has led these teachers to go to Uganda to prepare leaders there to witness to Muslims of that country. Pictured here are fruits of their labors. Thanks be to God.

Update on the NHMS Finance in 2025



We give thanks to God and to you, our faithful partners, for your steady and generous support. Income for the first quarter of 2025 totals \$23,376, which is about \$15,000 less than our expenses. We were, however, able to send income from reserves to complete a major project for housing for those needing refuge (see article addressing that need on page 2.)

A Final Word

The author of the Gospel of John ends his witness to who Jesus is for all God's children with these words: *"These are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."*

The leaders of New Hope Mission Society give thanks to God for all those who join with us in bearing witness to Jesus, our Savior, God's Son, so that believing in Him, we and all God's children may have life in His name. We give thanks that we have fellow witnesses in India led by Pastors K.K. Alavi and Abdul Messiah, who bear direct witness and prepare ever new witnesses for this Good News.

We invite you to continue in faithful support for this witness and also ask that you invite others, individuals and congregations, to join with us that the writer of John's version of the Great Commission may abound in powerful ingathering of new witnesses to our Lord Jesus.



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