

EDITORIAL

How do we live as Christians seeking to point our Muslim friends to Jesus Christ? The articles in this issue of *Seedbed* discuss that question through a variety of subjects and approaches.

Many of you have requested prayer for your opportunities to witness when commenting on the cartoon controversy and its worldwide implications. You will find two thought-provoking commentaries in the assessments written by John Piper and Marten de Vries. Perhaps you also have some insights about how to turn the reactions of Muslims into openings to speak of Christ. We would be glad to have your contributions for the next issue of *Seedbed*.

How much do the concepts of honour and shame bear on your understanding of Arab culture and provide ideas from Scripture to help your friends see their need of a Saviour? G. K. leads us to consider how a strong sense of shame could open the way for a desire to receive the One who bore our shame on the cross. Two other messages from John Piper remind us of the importance of the written word of God, even for those friends who prefer oral communication. Joy Loewen shares with us the lessons God has taught her through years of reaching out to Muslim

women. Let us know about your experiences when reading Bible passages to Muslims or praying with them.

How do we model our life with Christ before our national friends (both Christian and non-Christian)? Juan Carlos Parodi challenges us to improve our team relationships with our colleagues from Latin America. Some of his comments could also be applied to our adaptation to the cultures of our Arab world countries. And what about our lifestyles and our use of money? Don Little's interactive book study provokes us to think through how we model the Christian life before the less affluent – whether nationals or mission colleagues. How have you handled the questions that he raises?

A new book has come out to help women who serve in the Muslim world face various situations and stages of life and ministry. In her review, Linda Lundy recommends this book as providing women with practical suggestions related to all the stages of missionary life.

May you find something in this issue of *Seedbed* to encourage and stimulate your ongoing ministries.

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