

Editor's Ramblings

A blessed and fruitful 1998 to all our readers!

In the 1/97 issue of Seedbed, I announced that I had Multiple Myeloma. We returned from the UK to the US in mid-January for confirmation of the diagnosis and treatment. We are now within a few days of returning to AWM IHQ in England and our missiological role to the Arab World. A big thanks to the many who have prayed for me. I have now been in remission for several months and feel as energetic as at any time during the past ten years or so. "*The Lord has done great things whereof we are glad!*" Certain relapse at some point is the only prognostic medical science can offer for this type of cancer, however. We realize afresh that every new day is a gift from God, and that He alone knows the number of our days.

All of the articles in this issue have been written by colleagues in active field service among Muslims of the Arab world. We very much appreciate that kind of input, and strongly encourage others of you to share your experiences, insights, convictions and questions.

I have an article in hand on dealing with polygamy among Muslim-background believers which I had intended to include in this issue, but the articles mentioned in the above paragraph did not leave enough space. We did not face the problem of polygamy in emerging churches in North Africa, but the potential was there. Perhaps the issue is more pertinent to some non-Arab contexts? I would like feedback as to whether any of you have been faced with that problem and if so, how you have dealt with it.

You will notice also that there are no book reviews in this issue. I was about to put in a review of *The Holy Spirit and Mission Dynamics*, just released by the Evangelical Missiological Society. On second thought, however, I have decided to do a comprehensive review, including two or three other recent missiological books on the same subject. Hopefully in time for the next issue.