



### Sun • Praise

Lord, may all new believers in Muslim nations who turn to you glorify your name daily in everything they say and do.

*"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done."*—1 Chronicles 16:8

### Mon • Evangelism

Father, I pray that all GCM disciple makers reflect Jesus' love and compassion as they bring your Word to the downtrodden. May every person who learns of your truth be receptive to the love, mercy, and hope Jesus offers.

*"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son."*—Hebrews 1:1-2a

### Tue • Discipleship

Lord God, you rescue sinners from darkness and despair and call them your children. I ask that those who experience your love and mercy through GCM become obedient disciples who bring the light and hope of Jesus to their own communities.

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."*—Matthew 7:21

### Wed • Church Planting

Jesus, you told your disciples that even the gates of hell will not prevail against your Church. May the faith of believers from a Muslim background grow strong and uncompromising.

May underground house-churches planted by GCM trust you in all things and multiply a hundredfold.

*"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him."*—Psalm 40:3

### Thu • Leadership Development

Father, you are the Alpha and Omega, our all in all. Please guide and fortify every GCM leader as he/she learns from your Word how to care for and disciple the sheep you bring into your pasture.

*"I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."*—John 10:16

### Fri • Redemptive Compassion Ministries

Oh Lord, you died for those whose enslaving desires are for things that destroy life. Please transform the hearts of addicts, prostitutes, and runaways so they may regain hope through new life in you.

*"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."*—Psalm 147:3

### Sat • Persecuted Body of Christ

Your will for our lives is perfect, Lord, even in the face of great trials, injustice, and adversity. Please embolden, sustain, and comfort each believer being tormented for proclaiming Jesus.

*"Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident."*—Psalm 27:3

## Reflections

### Of Mercy and Compassion

*"Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."*—Psalm 119:132-133

Bondage, captivity, slavery, addiction. Each illustrates a state in which a person has lost control over his or her life.

The addict, the prostitute, and the runaway have lost control over their own life and are unable to regain it without Jesus Christ. All are in bondage and act compulsively. Each is under the control of sin ... like every other person who isn't under Jesus' loving and redemptive control.

Sometimes we can forget that before we turned to Christ, we too were controlled by sin—especially when we encounter those we consider to be great sinners. We need to remember that we too were once in bondage until we asked Jesus to rescue us and transform us into His likeness.

Because of God's great love and mercy, we were reborn into a new life—a life under Jesus' divine control. We no longer are enslaved to sin. That amazing and undeserved gift of mercy and love is to be treasured and shared with others.

As Christians, each of us is the image bearer of God. He empowers us to demonstrate His love and mercy to everyone, including society's least-loved outcasts. Because God loves us without measure, we must love others also, in the "agape" sense. This kind of godly love is deliberate, self-giving love. It doesn't expect any gratitude, nor is it based on the receiver's perceived lack of merit.

God pours His love and mercy on us every day, even when we slip and offend Him by sinning. When we place our lives under His control however, every time we obey His Holy Spirit habitual sin loses its enslaving power over us.

*"Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.'"*—John 8:34-35

Jesus' glorious gift of love and mercy is one He wants us to share. *"Freely you have received; freely give."*—Matthew 10:8b. Who in your midst has lost control over his or her life? Who is God placing in your path with whom He wants you to share His love and mercy?

Every day, GCM's disciple makers seek the enslaved, the unloved, and those without hope—the drug addicts, prostitutes, and runaways. In Muslim countries, they frequently are the ones who are the most responsive to the Gospel.

To precious souls loved by God, GCM demonstrates Jesus' love and mercy by providing food and clothing, by praying with them and for them, by offering hope for a new life, and by enrolling addicts in rehab who no longer want to be slaves to dehumanizing substances.

With your help, GCM volunteers and staff love them every day through GCM's redemptive compassion ministries. As you pray for society's pariahs for whom Jesus also died, give thanks to God for GCM and plead for a great spiritual harvest among Muslims.

*"On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"*—Matthew 9:12-13

## Bring Mercy to the Rejected!

This fall, pray for this key GCM initiative: **Redemptive Compassion Ministries.**

All former Muslims, GCM disciple makers have experienced Jesus' transformational love. They bring God's Word to other Muslims and start Discovery Bible Study groups that form self-replicating churches.

Nearly all volunteers, they cannot minister without *your* prayer and financial support. As you pray, please consider giving monthly. GCM's frontline disciple makers risk their lives every day to advance and sustain this unprecedented movement of God among Muslims.

Every addict, prostitute, and runaway can experience God's mercy and begin a new life in Christ. *Your* prayers and gifts go a long way and accomplish much. God calls you, and GCM needs you!

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- International Disciple-Making Movements

# Impact of GCM Among Muslims

Captive to decades of drug addiction and married to a drug addict, Moshen was rescued from the mire by GCM. He now brings the hope of Jesus Christ to others. Read this remarkable story in the **Profile in Faith**, on reverse side.



*GCM Compassion Ministries mend broken lives with Christ's hope.*

You can bring Jesus to the hopeless by participating in this unprecedented movement of God:

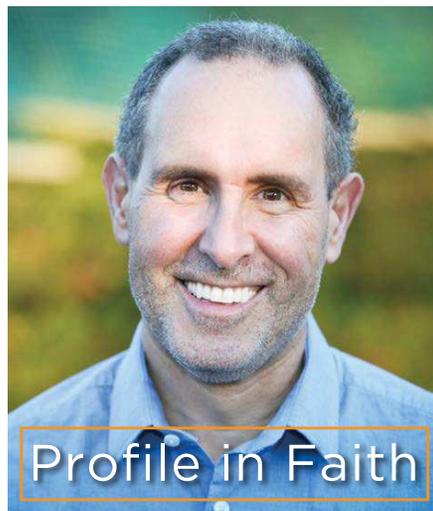
1. **Pray** every day using your GCM *Prayer Guide*.
2. **Support** GCM financially: [catalyticministries.com/donate](http://catalyticministries.com/donate).
3. **Host** a small group in your home or church, and introduce new people to GCM.
4. **Share** your GCM *Prayer Guide* with your family and friends.

GCM is transforming Muslims worldwide through Jesus Christ.

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## Meet Moshen, brother in the Lord and volunteer GCM disciple maker.

This testimony illustrates the results of your prayers and support. May you be encouraged as you read about the abundant fruit God is producing through the unique and courageous ministry of GCM.

Like thousands of persecuted former Muslims who have turned to Christ, Moshen lives in a country closed to the Gospel.

### *"Jesus is doing great things in my life!"*

"As a young Muslim man, I had read parts of the Bible with some of my friends. I knew about Jesus and His truth, but I didn't follow Him. Like many young people in my country who live without hope, I was addicted to drugs for many years. It ruined my first marriage which ended in divorce.

"When I wanted to give up my addiction, I turned to Jesus for help. GCM rescued me by taking me to a drug rehab center and then introducing me to Christ through God's Word. It was during rehab that I met the woman who became my second wife years later.

"Jesus is doing great things in my life! I've been free of drugs for 13 years. My wife and I are happily married, and we now have twin baby girls. Unfortunately, my wife still struggles with addiction. Her entire family is addicted to drugs, so drugs have been part of her life since childhood.

"When I see my wife struggling with drugs occasionally, I put my hand on her and pray for her. I ask Jesus to take away the 'dirt' that's still inside her. It's marvelous to see how that calms and helps her. She wants to give up her addiction. Jesus already has changed a lot of her character, and I'm sure that one day she'll be able to give up her addiction completely.

"A few weeks ago, my father-in-law overdosed and was in a coma. The doctors told us there was no hope for him. I prayed over him and asked Jesus to heal him. Then I asked my father-in-law if he believed that Jesus is God and his Savior, and that He can forgive all his sins. As soon as my father-in-law confirmed 'yes' with his head, he opened his eyes and sat up on his bed. His family was so amazed that they called an ambulance and brought him to the hospital.

"My wife's family doesn't believe yet that Jesus has healed him, but I'm sure Jesus has. I thank Him for giving me hope—hope for my wife, her family, our children, and life with Him for eternity."

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# Prayer Guide

Transforming Muslims Worldwide through Jesus Christ



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