



# Partnership Outreach

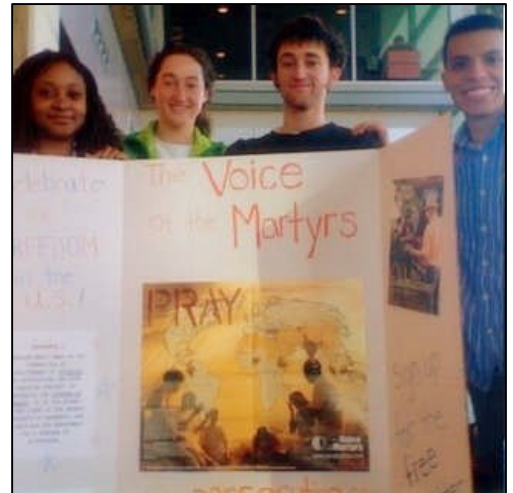
## Testimony: IUPUI CCN/Voice of the Martyrs Partnership Outreach - January 2008

God was truly glorified at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus during our CHANGE Collegian Network (CCN) "Voice of the Martyrs Evangelistic Outreach". We, the CCN members, set up a table in a public place, where students could view and take a free copy of the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) magazine, informing them of the plight of the persecuted church around the world. VOM provides aid and materials to Christians who are harassed, tortured, and even killed for their Christian faith in many countries around the world. Our goal is to not only share about this common crisis in hopes that they will help, but also to share the gospel with as many students as possible.

As I witnessed to Manuel, a young Catholic, in regards to salvation apart from works through faith in Christ alone (Eph. 2:8-9), Ibrahim, a Muslim, was behind me listening to every word that I said. As soon as Manuel left, thanking me for a wonderful and challenging conversation, Ibrahim came up to me and simply said that he wanted to know more.

Ibrahim is a student, who migrated from Saudi Arabia where "converts from Islam to Christianity are rare... Barriers to spreading the gospel are intense. Any person who does mission work or converts a Muslim faces jail, expulsion or execution. Christians are regularly imprisoned or deported, and there is a ban on Christian churches" (Voice of the Martyrs, Chain Reactions; Reaching Our Enemies for Christ. Special Issue, 2008 pg.20).

Ibrahim was very kind in explaining his religious beliefs and how hard he tried to keep them. After he explained a bit about his upbringing in Islam, I was able to speak to him about the attributes of God. He agreed that God is Merciful and Just. He recognized that he had broken the moral law of God written in his conscience - 10 commandments (Rom. 2:15) and that he was guilty before God. He told me that he believed that Moses was a prophet, so I taught him that Moses introduced the sacrificial laws for the remission of sins. I explained that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins (Heb. 9:22). He agreed. Then, I explained that he needs a sacrifice for his sins to be remitted, or else he was going to have to face the Justice of God on Judgment Day (Heb. 9:27-28).



Ibrahim said that God was merciful. I explained that in His mercy, God provided a sacrifice for him (Heb. 9:26). I asked him, "Ibrahim, where is your sacrifice? Who will pay for your sins?" I also explained that no amount of good works could pay for his sin and that God's incorruptible justice will find him (Isaiah 64:6). He said he didn't have an answer for me at the moment, and that he was going to find out.

I was then able to tell him the gospel! I told him that God provided his Son as a sacrifice for him (John 3:16)! I expounded on Jesus Christ as the perfect Lamb of God slain for the sins of the world, so that those who repent and trust in Him alone, could be forgiven of their sins and made right with God (Luke 13:3,5; Rom. 10:9-10). Islam offers no such sacrifice.

He told me that he has had many Christian friends, and that none of them had explained to him what they really believed. He was very grateful and promised to find out more. We were able to give him some literature explaining the gospel and took his information. Please continue to pray for Ibrahim. He will return to Saudi Arabia in two years, where he may never hear the gospel again.

-- Jonathan B.