



## A Testimony from South Asia

### Testimony of Mohammed, aged 32, from a Sunni background

I am married and blessed with three children. Years ago I studied in a Qur'anic school (Madrassa) which could have allowed me to become a Muslim Imam. During the winter season I also ran a small business buying woolen shawls from one city and carrying them to another part of the country to sell.

One day I was introduced to a former Muslim Imam and observed his life and teaching. He was explaining salvation through Jesus to several other Muslims. I doubted that he was really well informed about Islam, so I asked him questions about the Qur'an. He was able to easily quote 15 verses about Jesus from the Qur'an and this intrigued me. Afterwards we had a lengthy discussion and he cited various verses from the Qur'an and the Bible which convinced me to explore the matter further. For nearly one year afterwards I made a careful comparative study of the Qur'an and the Bible, and the truth was revealed to me. The light of the truth has taken away my darkness. I now believe in Jesus as Lord.

When the leaders of the local mosque started suspecting that the former Imam had put his faith in Jesus, the first thing they did was to remove him from the mosque. The Muslim villagers said I had also become a traitor to the Islamic faith, and they continued to watch my activities carefully. Finally the villagers gave an ultimatum to the former Imam who had helped me discover Jesus: they told him to repent and return to Islam or else leave the village with his wife and children. I was also threatened, and I consulted my own brothers. They did not want to protect me in any way, so I took my wife and three children and moved to a different area. I am greatly encouraged because my wife is standing with me in this new faith.

