

Testimonies from Fiji

Recently a Muslim man was running a fishing enterprise, harvesting a bottom-dwelling sea animal called *beche de mer* (sea cucumbers) which are a delicacy in some Asian countries. The man became seriously ill and finally sought help from the church his wife regularly attended. There he was given a Bible, and he became interested in reading it.

Later, he was on his boat as his workers were diving for sea cucumbers but not catching anything. Alone on the deck, the man got out the Bible and started to read. He fell asleep and began to dream. In the dream he was on the sea and as he watched, a shining figure arose out of the water. He knew it was Jesus. Jesus pointed, showing him a particular direction, and then the man woke up.

When his workers were back on board, still with no catch, the Muslim man asked, "Are you willing to go to wherever I direct you?" They replied that they were, since they had not caught anything. So he led them to the spot indicated by the figure in his dream, a place where no one had ever caught anything. It took them the next three weeks to bring up all the sea cucumbers in that place! The man gave his life to Christ and is now bringing other Muslims to Him as well.

A Muslim-background Christian named Alf (not his real name) went to see his uncle who was very sick. During the course of the visit, Alf had some time alone with the old man, who was also an Imam. As they talked, Alf was able to lead him to faith in Christ. The uncle asked if he could talk to Jesus. Alf told him that he should talk to Jesus as naturally as they themselves had been speaking to each other.

Alf went outside for a few minutes, but he heard the old man carrying on a conversation. When Alf returned, he asked his uncle to whom he had been talking. He replied, "To the man who was sitting over there." Alf could see no one. "What did he say?" he asked. "He told me that tomorrow He would be returning for me, but I would be leaving my body behind!" Later Alf was informed that this uncle died the following day.

