



"In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." 2 Cor. 4:4

I sit at the heart of a Muslim slum with my friend Anada. She cries. Her daughter's cancer has returned. Taking Anada's hand, the Holy Spirit fills me with great compassion for her family. Looking into Anada's eyes, I promise that I and my family and friends will pray for God to heal her daughter, Nisreen.

I spend the next month sharing Nisreen's story with churches, friends, and family. Together, we plead for God's power to be displayed through Nisreen's healing. During my next visit to Anada, she runs to me, grabs my hands, and

shares the news of how the doctors cannot find evidence of a tumor in Nisreen's body! Through joyful tears, I tell Anada that God has answered the prayers of hundreds of people asking for Nisreen to be healed. Would she like to know Him?

Anada's eyes fall to the ground. Though she is thankful her daughter is healed, she does not believe in my Christian God. She could never consider turning her back on Allah. She squeezes my hand, turns, and walks away.

(true story from Central Thailand)

Many missionaries have witnessed the deep spiritual blindness in the hearts of Thai Muslims that prevents them from even considering the truth of the gospel. From childhood, Muslims are taught that they will enter heaven by their own works. Christians often become discouraged by this hardness of heart and will give up as they consider sharing with Muslims to be a lost cause. In these moments, God reminds us of his grace, and his promise that he is able to shine his light into the darkness of their hearts, revealing their sin and showing them their Savior, Jesus Christ.

For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 4:6

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- God would soften the hearts of Thai Muslims like Anada, showing them the reality of their sin and separation from God, and giving them faith to believe in Jesus.
- That the Spirit would connect missionaries with Muslims who are spiritually open and willing to read the Bible with them.
- For God's power to be shown to Muslims through healing as a sign that will open their eyes to Him.