



# Mujahid El Masih from Pakistan

My name is Mujahid El Masih and until 1997 Pakistan was my home. I was born in a traditional Christian family. In Pakistan 97 percent of the people are Muslims. I studied Islam for more than 14 years in Pakistani schools because it was compulsory; Islam teaches to hate Israel, Christians and all non-Muslims. I also had Military Training in Pakistan where I was taught that we should be martyrs for Allah and our country. According to Islamic teaching, becoming a martyr for Allah is the only sure way to earn the paradise. I was brainwashed by this false teaching in school and in college but I thank Jesus that He saved me when I was 25 years old, and showed me that He is the Way and the Truth and the Life. After I got saved Jesus called me to preach His gospel, and He opened doors for me to go to Bible College, where I studied for three years. I started planting churches with the power of the Holy Spirit, and by His power we succeeded in planting 24 churches in different areas of Pakistan.

On February 6, 1997, Pakistani police and thousands of Muslims attacked two of our villages, burned 13 of our church buildings, 1,500 Christian homes, and thousands of Bibles. All this was done because of a false accusation that Christians from my village had torn a Koran.

In mid-1997, I received an invitation from a church in South Africa. I went with videotapes that were taken on the day when the Muslims burned our churches and homes. I showed those videotapes in the church in South Africa and the pastor of that church made copies and sent them to different pastors in other cities of South Africa. Those pastors got together and protested against the Pakistani government in front of the Pakistani Embassy. When the Pakistani Ambassador asked where they had received this information about the burned Christian villages, my name was given to him. After that we were unable to go back to our country. Muslims in South Africa began to persecute us and many times they tried to kill my wife and me, but God intervened and delivered us. Even the South African government told us to leave the country and go back to Pakistan because they didn't want to strain relations between the two countries.

We went to the American embassy, but they told us that they couldn't give us a Visa for the United States. God impressed on my wife that she must fast for three days and three nights as Esther did for her nation in the Bible. She fasted for three days and three nights and then God told us to go to the American Embassy again. At the time we didn't have a single cent in our pockets to pay for the Visa fees or purchase plane tickets for the United States. We just believed that God was going to provide.

On the day we went to the American Embassy we literally felt Jesus was walking with us. This time, the American Embassy workers didn't ask us any questions and they were not even able to look at our faces. There was such a presence of God! Jesus was standing with us! They told us to come back after three days and collect our passports. When we came back, the church driver asked us, "Are you going to America? How are you going to pay for the very expensive plane tickets for four people to the United States?" I replied to him, "We serve a big God; He is going to pay for our tickets."

God impressed on me, "now this is your turn to fast." I fasted for three days and did spiritual warfare. On Monday morning when we were praying, I had the vision of Jesus, He said, "it is done". The next day we went to the American Embassy and received our Visas for the United States; God provided for the plane tickets also!

There are so many great things that God has done for us! When I come to visit your church, I believe that my testimony will strengthen the faith of our brothers and sisters.

God has put it in my heart to teach Americans the truth about Islam. Not only would I love to come share about the faithfulness of God in my life, but to also share from my studies of Islam and how we can love Muslims to Christ. **I would love to come and speak in your church, Bible College, or home group. Please contact.**

May Jesus Christ bless you.

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