To see every Muslim have an opportunity to respond to the Gospel and be connected to a true follower of Jesus.

We believe that heart change is God's business, while faithful Gospel witness is our business. And we believe God calls his followers to not only share the Gospel, but to move into discipleship relationships with Muslims.
Crescent Project’s top-tier training equipped Christians reaching Muslims in 15 countries. Nearly 100 students participated in 2018, some from as far as Jordan, New Zealand, Malaysia, and West Africa.

Attendees were immersed in over 40 sessions that included participants from a Muslim background originally from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, India, Iraq, and Turkey.

**PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS:**

“There was nothing missing from my Sahara Challenge experience! I was challenged on every level, met some wonderful people, left refreshed in my spirit and empowered to move forward in ministry to Muslims!”

“It was truly an honor to glean the wisdom and passion from Crescent Project to share the Good News with Muslims. I have a completely new perspective on communication with Muslims, and was able to apply this knowledge the evening after the conference! I will be praying for God to provide more opportunities.”

“Excellent course, I absolutely loved it and would highly recommend it to anyone. It was a great blend of worship, teaching, and fellowship, with amazing teachers. The personal stories and testimonies were a highlight for me.”

Sahara Challenge is an intensive preparatory course focused on bridging the Gospel to the Muslim heart and mind. Courses are taught by former Muslims and experts in Islam and Muslim culture. Sahara Challenge alumni have the option of taking a short-term trip to a Muslim culture.
On visits to London, Lebanon, and Sicily, Sahara Challenge alumni engaged in hundreds of spiritual conversations with Muslims. Many they spoke to knew little – if anything – about Jesus.

**SHORT-TERM TRIPS**

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**LONDON**

A team of six Sahara Challenge alumni partnered with other believers in distributing Bibles, Jesus Film DVDs and other resources while engaging in spiritual conversations. The teams interacted with local Muslims as well as with Muslims from the Gulf States, who came to England for the summer to escape the oppressive heat of their homelands.

**LEBANON**

The eight members of the Lebanese team took part in a large effort to reach displaced Syrians in the Bekaa Valley. The team taught English to about 300 over the course of three weeks, and were able to share the Gospel, pray for families, encourage new believers, and even witness a secret baptism of a family of new believers!

**SICILY**

A team of seven Christians spent time in Sicily, a place of strategic importance in the ongoing global refugee crisis. While ministering to refugees and others representing over 20 countries around the world, the team engaged in dozens of spiritual conversations, conducted Discovery Bible Studies and distributed material with Gospel-rich content.
Launched in 2016, Bridges Online has now been used by 953 users from nearly 40 countries.

“Your resources truly saved my life.”

FINDING LIFE-GIVING HELP IN PAKISTAN

A young Christian woman in Pakistan discovered Crescent Project online and reached out to staff. Dealing with doubt about her self-worth and standing as a Christian, she was seeking guidance and help. She was also feeling a burden to reach out to the Muslims around her, and was eager to learn how. She was already benefiting from Crescent Project’s articles, podcasts and videos and was hungry for more. Staff leaders ministered to her with scripture and prayer and provided her access to Bridges Online. She recently shared with a staff member, “Your resources truly saved my life.”
Embassy provides Christians with access to an online pool of tens of thousands of Muslims in hard-to-reach places by identifying web forums used by Muslims abroad, and working to flood these sites with Christians who share the Gospel, invite people to read the Bible, and pray for them by name. More at crescentproject.org/embassy

IMPACT STORY: An Embassy volunteer shared about Jesus with a woman named “Hala” in Libya. Hala asked questions about Jesus for an hour, and then asked for more verses to read. The volunteer sent her the book of John. Hala read it twice - in two days. Meanwhile, this Embassy volunteer was asking her friends to pray for Hala. Several of these women, after praying for Hala, decided to reach out via Embassy as well. Soon, a wife and husband were sharing with “Bijan” in Iran, inviting him to read the gospel of John as well. Bijan read it, and accepted Christ. This volunteer couple wrote that “Bijan “wants to proclaim Christ to all he knows”!

Crescent Project’s online outreach into closed nations continued to be an avenue of Gospel impact for Muslims around the world. Volunteers are reaching into nations across the 10/40 window – places like Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Iran, Pakistan, and more. And for the first time this year, volunteers traveled into closed nations to visit their Muslim friends from Embassy in person.
1,828 women have been mobilized in four years through the Without Borders Conference. Hundreds more have been further equipped and supported through personal consultations and other speaking engagements by our staff.

KERRIE’S TESTIMONY: “My whole ministry to Muslim women directly relates back to the Without Borders conference in Austin. I often remember Fouad’s challenge to pick up as many copies of John in Arabic that you think you can share. I was scared to death, but I felt compelled to pick up three. Later I thought to myself, “what on earth were you thinking?” God used it to challenge me and learn to trust him with all that I didn’t know about ministry with Muslims. I just had to go and I just had to share…”

MANDY’S TESTIMONY: “God used Without Borders to re-spark my fire for Muslim women. I arrived at the conference discouraged by failed outreach efforts. But within 24 hours I was on fire again, ready to live out the calling the Lord had given my husband and me. I was encouraged not only by the sessions, but by praying and getting together with like-minded women, and by hearing stories of others who had also made mistakes but tried again. Since then, the Lord has opened doors to friendships with Muslims. We’re excited about what God’s doing now and will do in the future! Mandy and her husband now regularly go to the mosque to share about Jesus. They are currently looking for an open door to the Middle East.”
Nearly 450 attended National Conference in 2018, making it our largest event ever.

Participants from 30 states, 6 countries, and 165 churches enjoyed challenging keynote sessions and informative workshops.

Pastor Duane’s Testimony: “I simply want to say “Thank you!” for putting together such an incredible event last weekend in Columbus. I’ve served as a pastor for several years in various contexts, and for the last couple of years God has opened a door for us to engage international university students (mostly from Iran). The relationships continue to be built, the love of Jesus continues to be shared, and our friends have shown an eager interest in learning more about Christianity. Our friends are open and we realized we need help, so God led me to your conference. It was an incredible time of making connections, gathering information, learning skills, gathering resources, and hearing what God is doing in the Muslim community around the world! It was the best ministry conference I have attended in years! I’ve made connections with David (in the Northeast) and we are planning to have them come to our church in the near future. The ministry of Crescent Project is an answer to our prayers! We are going to keep praying for you, asking God to protect and use you to keep sharing the hope of Jesus! Thank you!”
Field staff Mike and Julie were reaching out to a Rohingya refugee family with limited success when the wife came to their door, crying in despair. She had just been divorced by her husband, which in her culture’s form of Islam meant being cut off from family and put out on the street. After Mike and Julie comforted and prayed with the wife, Mike decided to confront her husband, Yousuf.

Mike knocked repeatedly on Yousuf’s door, but was ignored. Mike persisted and was finally let in and began talking with Yousuf. Mike said, “Yousuf, you say you’re a Muslim - that you want to be in submission to God. But this is not the will of God. This is what the holy book says…” With Yousuf’s children watching, Mike went on to read passages about men loving their wives and using strength to protect and provide, rather than intimidate. Mike told Yousuf that he should ask his wife for forgiveness and humble himself under God’s authority.

After a period of reflection, Yousuf decided to ask his wife to come home. He hugged her and they wept. The family then knelt together with Mike and Julie, who prayed in Jesus’ name that God would bless them and usher them into full reconciliation.

Mike has since been able to share the Gospel with Yousuf’s family. By the grace of God, two of the sons have put their faith in Christ! We praise God that through this courageous intervention, evil was overcome with good, and this family’s despair was transformed into hope and restoration.

Crescent Project field staff work in Muslim-majority people groups around the world. This is one story of God’s redemptive work.

Thanks to your support, a situation of despair turned into an opening for the Gospel.
2018 by the numbers

22,644
CHRISTIANS EQUIPPED TO REACH MUSLIMS WITH THE GOSPEL
THROUGH BRIDGES STUDIES AND SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES

16,888
CALL TO PRAYER PARTNERS

4,926
BIBLES + OUTREACH RESOURCES DISTRIBUTED

52
STAFF

31
CITIES

3
CONTINENTS

220,000
UNIQUE WEB VISITORS

150
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

65 COUNTRIES NOW USE BRIDGES, INCLUDING 6 NEW COUNTRIES IN 2018