



'Searching for Truth Together'

"How can I understand unless someone helps me?"

(Acts 8:31 CEV)

Thank you for your prayers and support for the work of Daniel Shayesteh and 'Exodus From Darkness'

Daniel turns ears, eyes and hearts to Jesus across Australia!

Daniel has just completed a visit to Australia, comprising 31 engagements in 5 solid weeks of ministry across 4 states. Some of these were one-to-one, but most were to groups - either small or large.



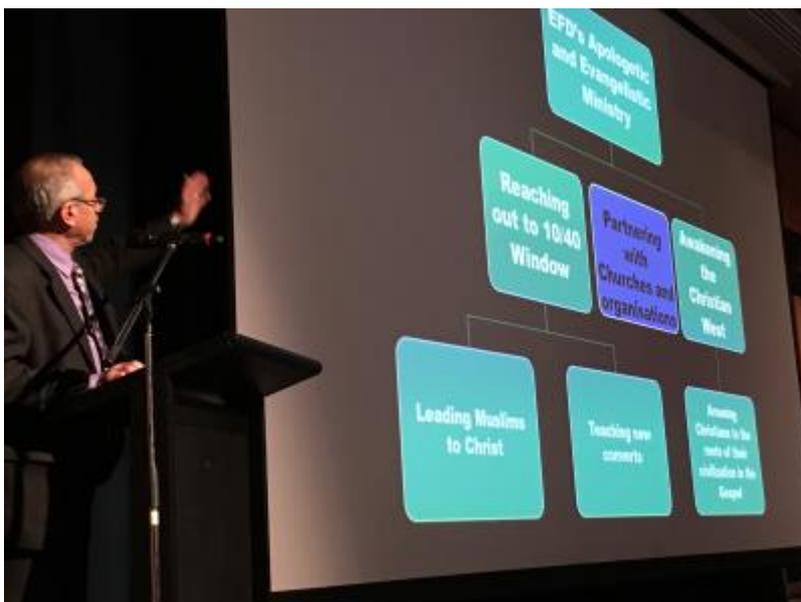
Daniel was invited to Australia this time by [‘Voice of the Martyrs’](#) (VOM) to participate as a speaker in the VOM 50th Anniversary Celebrations in Australia, building on Daniel’s previous work with VOM in Europe. A highlight was the two Celebration Dinners held in Sydney and Brisbane. This collaboration has further deepened our partnership with VOM. The visit also opened some new opportunities for EFD to partner with other Christian Missions organisations.

EFD believes partnerships with other Christian Missions organisations is critical for achieving the best possible outcomes from our [‘Understanding & Freedom’ Reachout Project](#).

Daniel also spoke to many local churches and small groups as he travelled around NSW, Vic, Qld and WA.

Highlights were:

- Daniel’s meetings with Farsi (Persian) speaking congregations, who were encouraged and inspired by his time with them.
- Opportunities to work with young men and women from a parachurch ministry who are hungry to follow Jesus and are putting up their hands to seriously engage in outreach to the Muslim world.
- The opportunity for Daniel to record two TV episodes for broadcasting into the Middle East via the [Sat-7 television network](#).
- Touching base with some of our long term supporters/churches as he travelled across the country.



Throughout his visit Daniel shared the vision of EFD for the future and shared stories about the impact of EFD's ministry in both the Muslim world and the West.

Daniel reported that Muslims, both young and old, are being transformed as they come to know God in Christ as loving, personal and relational. At the same time Christians are being awakened to the uniqueness of Jesus and the impact of the gospel on the 'roots' of their civilisation and values.

Social Media Update

We encourage you to visit Daniel's YouTube Channel and to [subscribe now](#). This can really help us to raise the profile of Daniel's Channel around the world.

Following are some comments posted this year on social media by people from a Muslim background after they viewed 'Understanding and Freedom' episodes on [Daniel's YouTube Channel](#).

May 2019: "I saw some of our fellow Muslims responding to your sound discussions with hatred. Your kind responses to their deep hatred caused me to investigate more and eventually follow Jesus."

April 2019: "I have been watching you and also reading the comments of some fellow committed Muslims. I am now realizing that their aggressive and unethical responses are rooted in the Islamic scriptures and the teachings of madrasas. Thank you so much for the exposure."

April 2019: "I was a strict Muslim and loved Sharia. I gave my life to Jesus because of you ... I wish there were many like you who could touch Muslims' minds."

March 2019: "I have been watching all your talks. Your teachings and responses are very convincing."

We know that there are constant and serious efforts by Islamic governments to block our YouTube Channel and Facebook messages. However, the fact that we are getting feedback like this indicates that there are many more who are thinking similarly as they view Daniel's talks. This encourages us greatly!

Our Social Media analytics indicates that we are getting interesting traction in Europe where we know many Muslim refugees are now living. We are getting responses particularly from males in the 18 to 44 age group.

It is also interesting to note that some episodes of 'Understanding and Freedom' are really pressing buttons for some people compared to some of the other episodes.

As we move into the second half of 2019 our focus in on:

- Transmitting the 'Arabic voiceover' version of 'Understanding and Freedom' via YouTube and Facebook.
- Continuing the translations of 'Understanding and Freedom' into Urdu and Indonesian. Both these projects have now translated 10 out of the 22 episodes and we are very encouraged by the feedback we are receiving from our carefully chosen reviewers.

We are also pleased to advise you that people have taken the initiative to translate 'Understanding and Freedom' into Mandarin. Pray for this project as this new translation is reviewed and prepared for distribution.

We thank you for your prayers and financial support as EFD reaches out to the Muslim world and the West with the love and truth of Jesus.

Prayer Points

- We invite you to download our ['7 Days Prayer Guide'](#) for the ministry of Exodus From Darkness.
- Pray for the Muslim World. May followers of Jesus always remember I.S.L.A.M - I sincerely love all Muslims. We have good news to share with all people.
- Praise God for many people working with EFD to get the whole world thinking about the wonder & uniqueness of Jesus. Please pray that our growing partnerships with other Christian Missions Organisations will bear fruit for the kingdom of God.
- Please pray for Daniel and Mary as they look to the Lord for his guidance and provision for the years ahead.

- Praise God that influential people are taking an interest in Daniel's 'Understanding and Freedom' Series. Please pray that God will open the door for Daniel to speak through media to people who want to ask him questions as a result of watching the Series.
- Pray for our EFD Social Media Manager as she works to raise awareness of the 'Understanding and Freedom' Series around the Muslim world.
- Please pray for the appointment of an EFD researcher/writer/editor to work closely with Daniel and our Executive Officer.
- Praise God for the teams that are now working on the Indonesian and the Urdu versions. Please pray that we will find suitable translators and narrators for the Bangla and Hausa versions, which are the projects that we hope to commence during 2019.
- Please pray for God's power and blessing to be upon the Arabic version of 'Understanding and Freedom' as we start to upload episodes to Daniel's YouTube Channel.
- Pray for God's guidance in identifying the best technical teams for recording the voice-overs for each of our target languages – Turkish and Swahili are possibly the next two languages to be recorded in voice-over format.
- Download [Headlines for your Church Noticeboard](#)

We close with the words of Jesus.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37,38

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Invite Daniel

"If you keep quiet at a time like this, ... you and your relatives will die. What's more, who can say but that you have been elevated to the palace for just such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14; read Isa.62 :1; Am.5:13)

Daniel and Mary are from Iran. Daniel was a teacher of Islamic philosophy, a member of the Iranian Revolutionary Army and a leading Muslim fundamentalist political leader during the Iranian Islamic Fundamentalist Revolution that

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