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7 years in London
Groups ranging from Ahmadiya to terrorist
Refined idea of MBU refined, not perfected
Returned to US because of visa issues

Started the Bridges Option *We help local churches and Christians prepare for and Respond to the challenge of providing their Muslim neighbors an opportunity to hear the Gospel*

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- You have done the Bridges DVD studies
- You have a Prayer/Outreach group
- But

What Next?

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What group do Muslims have more contact with?

- Liberals or
- Evangelicals

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Generally, How do Muslims feel about liberals?

- Affinity in sharing criticism of the Bible
- Little respect
- Easy prey

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Generally, how do Muslims feel about Evangelicals?

- Don't know any
- Suspicious
- Fearful-they are all right wing zealots
- Don't understand them
- Misinformed

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In living in the US, what do Muslims desire most?

- Hint, they feel:
 - Lonely
 - Fearful
 - Targets of Prejudice
 - Objects of Hatred/animosity
 - Misunderstood

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For Muslims living in our communities, what should Christians desire most?

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Can you imagine a circumstance where leaders of a Mosque:

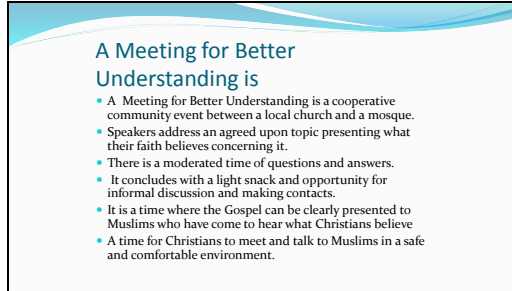
- Encourage their people to come hear the gospel;
- Allows their people to take Bibles and Gospel literature;
- Provides refreshments for a time when their people can meet Christians and hear them talk about their relationship with Jesus

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Meetings for Better Understanding

- MBUs, what they are NOT:
- Not a multi faith meeting where the least common denominator is celebrated;
- Not a Debate;
- Not a politically correct meeting where hard issues are avoided;
- Not a time when Christians have to avoid speaking about their faith distinctives so as not to offend anyone

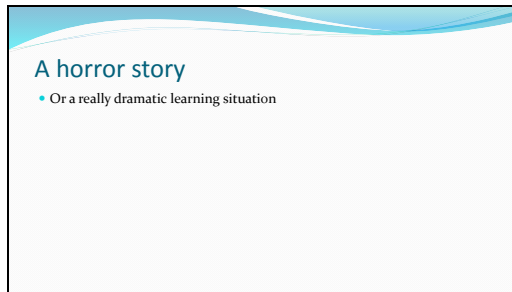
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A Meeting for Better Understanding is

- A Meeting for Better Understanding is a cooperative community event between a local church and a mosque.
- Speakers address an agreed upon topic presenting what their faith believes concerning it.
- There is a moderated time of questions and answers.
- It concludes with a light snack and opportunity for informal discussion and making contacts.
- It is a time where the Gospel can be clearly presented to Muslims who have come to hear what Christians believe
- A time for Christians to meet and talk to Muslims in a safe and comfortable environment.

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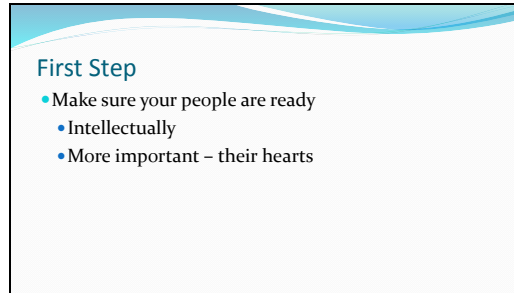


A horror story

- Or a really dramatic learning situation

With a Mosque and a Christian missionary group who regarded themselves as the Specialists
Held in church building - no members of church in attendance
building was dark, dirty, and disorganized when we arrived
important details unknown
Where is toilet paper kept?
How does sound system work
where are things in the kitchen?
Christians from all over London area –
No prayer or other preparation
Literature a hodge podge thrown in a box
Goal was to get contacts for specialists to follow up

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First Step

- Make sure your people are ready
 - Intellectually
 - More important – their hearts

Intellectually

Bridges DVD

Bridges Option literature –
free downloads

Crescent Project material
you can order from their website

Best idea- have me come
for a visit

before I come I can do an
online demographic survey
identify

possible Mosques

when I come we can
discuss training possibilities,
look at resources, come
up with strategic approach

OR, you can read the MBU
booklet we will give you today
and figure it out
yourself

But how much do you cost?
like our literature, our
services are free;

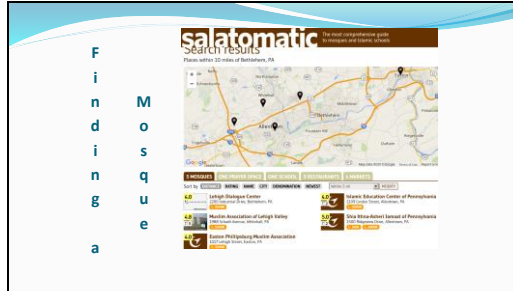
it is appreciated if
something could be given to cover
travel,

it is nice if meals were
provided;

and if we stayed overnight a
floor to sleep on;

of course if at the end you
thought our help was worthwhile
any gift from you would make it
possible for us to help someone
else

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Salatomic.com also
zabihah.com

both can be linked to
through our website

Look for their events

Visit, someone will approach you;

Have a 30 second soundbite ready

– what do you want to do/

eventually you will get
connected with the right person

Have an info sheet re MBU –

NOT our MBU booklet, but in

back is sample you can type up

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The speaker and his talk

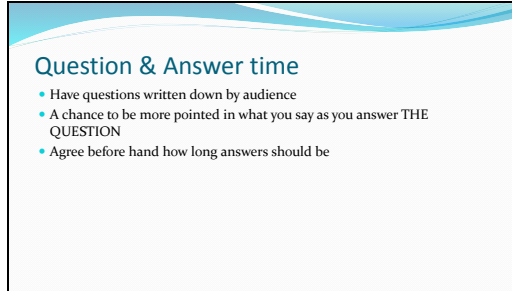
- Flexible and able to communicate to those who have English as a 2nd language
- Address topic and follow groundrules
- Creatively look for how the Gospel message connects to the topic
- Use scripture – lots of it – God's word says... ; the prophet..... Says....

Some in audience will be very fluent
but usually many have limitations

*Don't make mistake of assuming
because someone sounds good in
English they understand it just as well.*

Not the time to refute Islam, time to
present Christian view

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Question & Answer time

- Have questions written down by audience
- A chance to be more pointed in what you say as you answer THE QUESTION
- Agree before hand how long answers should be

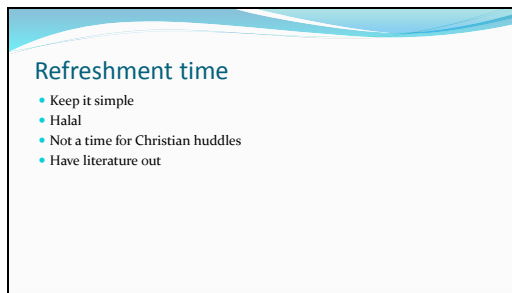
This keeps it to questions and not speeches

Moderator can combine similar questions

Questioner suggested a compromise between Christian belief and Islam

my response that it would be unacceptable because I did not believe Mohammed was a prophet, did not think Quran was from God, and Muslims were in error because they did not believe Jesus was God. The Imam sitting next to me squeezed my hand and said 'good answer'

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Refreshment time

- Keep it simple
- Halal
- Not a time for Christian huddles
- Have literature out

Goal is to talk, not fill our bellies

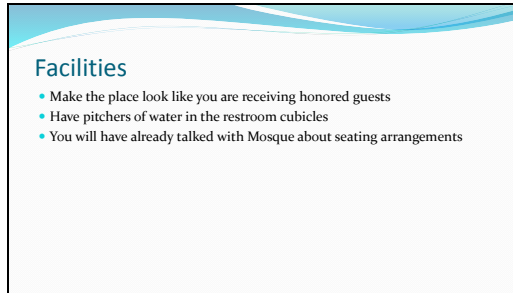
Bibles, literature on the topic – Nice looking and readable – avoid value, economy Bible printed on cheap paper in tiny print

Free

People aware what is there and point Muslims to it

Bridges Option most likely has something

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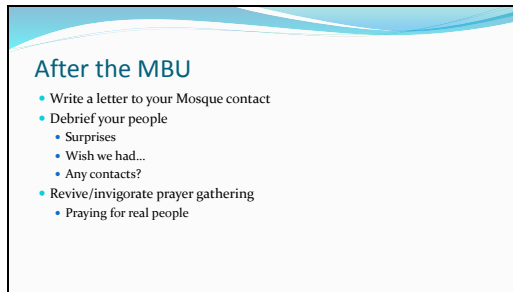


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Facilities

- Make the place look like you are receiving honored guests
- Have pitchers of water in the restroom cubicles
- You will have already talked with Mosque about seating arrangements

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After the MBU

- Write a letter to your Mosque contact
- Debrief your people
 - Surprises
 - Wish we had...
 - Any contacts?
- Revive/invigorate prayer gathering
 - Praying for real people

thank them for making such a successful time

When can we do it again?

Contacts

encourage to pursue

pray then for them

add it to regular church prayers

follow up encouragement

Real People – more than possibilities, events, or anonymous

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