

We now have a Moroccan Family

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The contacts in a Muslim country are different from those in other countries. Morocco today is essentially Moslem and very attached to the king, who, at the same time is the religious leader. Islam is the religion of the state and the propagation of all other religions among the citizens is forbidden, especially in public. There is little influence from the Left as there are few Communists. Morocco is situated much more in the democratic world, although much depends on France and the Occidental world because of their great influence in this nation.

Here in Morocco the traditional religious teaching from the Koran is very deeply rooted in the people, even among the young. For example, one speaks about the sacrifice of Ishmael and not of Isaac. Also, that Jesus was not crucified but someone else resembling him who took his place. Also that Jesus would have been raised up physically in order to return at the end of the world. Because of this way of thinking which is very prevalent among Moslem people, in teaching Principle, one cannot refer very much to the Bible at the beginning, but must rather rely on the understanding of the person in showing and demonstrating the logical side of Principle. The personal testimony and the atmosphere which is necessary to create also helps.

The people here believe in God, even if it is in the manner of Moslems, this is to say they believe in God but not as a Father. But this obstacle is overcome at the beginning of Principle study of the life and mission of Jesus. Moslems are also very attached to Mohammed, but with a deeper understanding of Principle this too will be overcome, and especially among the youth who search and are interested by our teaching.

The spirit world is also understood and admitted here. However, the necessity of the Messiah is not so clear, but in explaining the need of True Parents for mankind, the problem changes.

Many people by their ignorance of Christianity think that our teaching is like that of traditional churches. The personal testimony that I can give, being myself of Moslem origin, allows correction of this error.

After reaching the conclusion, a much more thorough study of the Old and New Testaments is necessary in order to better understand the plan of God in restoration and our time. This is rather a general and exterior view but the points which I have mentioned seem to me to be the points which every missionary in a Moslem country must encounter and overcome.

During these first 40 days, spirit world has been very active as this is a period truly important for restoration in separating good from evil in order to quickly make a very solid foundation in this nation.

The principle objective now is to form this foundation in finding those persons who will take it upon themselves to realize the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, in this nation, by the will of God.