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SOW—Shaping the Future of Children in the Muslim World

It was extremely touching to see the children's excitement, as well as, the joy written all over their faces when they received their Children's Bibles.

Anxiously anticipating our arrival, the children rushed inside the church building where each would receive a copy of their new Children's Bible. They sat patiently and listened to our instructions on how to use the Bible. It was impressive to see their eagerness.

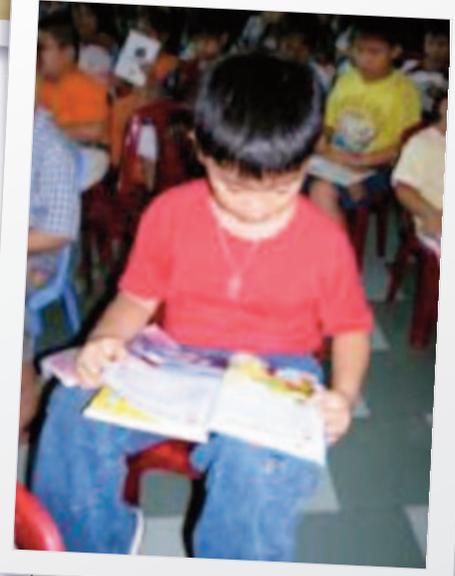
They also listened to the instructions from their teachers telling them to come forward in a line to receive their own copy. Their little faces were shining after the books were handed over. Some of them rushed through the pages to see what they contained. When they found a story they had been taught in Sunday school, they would show it to their friends or to their teachers. They also read stories to each other while some were still collecting their copies. This was the mood among everyone — the children, as well as, the adults — as we distributed the Children's Bibles.

One Sunday school teacher explained why these Children's Bibles are so welcome: "These children do not have Children's Bibles. Their parents are unable to buy these books. Besides,

they are not available on the market. In my Sunday school lessons, I used to use materials the church prepared. However, the children found it hard to understand. With these Bibles, our children will understand more because of the pictures. After the Bibles were handed over, one child came and showed me the story of Daniel and the lions, which I had taught him. Before we received these Bibles we encouraged children to recite the stories. Now they can read them for themselves."

Another teacher, added, "The children are so happy to have their own Bibles. It helps them to easily understand the stories. Kids like pictures. It's very challenging to do children's ministry, because some church leaders do not give much attention to it. We hope this will motivate church leaders to think of this ministry. Thank you for both motivating church leaders and giving Bibles to our children."

Church leaders also expressed their gratitude while confessing that



children's ministry sometimes gets left behind in their churches.

"This is something that will wake us to see the ministry for children," said a church leader. He also said, "Sunday school teachers were struggling to quote from ordinary Bibles to teach kids. They were really struggling to teach. But now, you have broken the pressing yoke from our shoulders. God bless you."

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A Severe Imbalance

People frequently ask, "Why is SOW working in other countries when there are so many lost people right here in the United States? Don't lost people in the West need the Gospel and the Word of God just as much?"

The answer is a resounding, "Yes! All people need the Gospel and the Bible." However, when it comes to the task of making disciples of "all nations" the question is not, do they need the Scriptures and the Gospel? But rather, do they have access to them?

Answer this question by considering the following:

Number of Bibles and New Testaments printed since the invention of the printing press in 1450.....**6.8 billion**
 Percent printed in English**85%**
 Percent of the world population who speak English as their primary language**9%**
 Percent of Bibles printed in the rest of the world's languages combined**15%**



"I hope this will impact their lives. I feel that SOW is playing a huge role in shaping our children's future by passing on the Word of God to this new generation," concluded one pastor. ✞

NOTE: SOW International is strategically partnering with individuals, churches and organizations who are working among Muslim populations. Together we are providing the Word of God for local churches as well as individuals in the heart of the Muslim world. Please join us as we focus our efforts this Christmas season on Muslim Children living in this region.



"The seed is the word of God." - Luke 8:11

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Give A Gift That Will Last Forever.

While the Muslim world is erupting in violence and uncertainty, **you can help make a difference.** You can share the true source of peace and hope with a child living in a Muslim country. **You can provide the life-giving message of the Gospel in this beautifully illustrated Children's Bible.**

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"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." - John 1:14

