

MAY 4 – DAY 22

Sydney, Australia

Muslim Population: 255 000

Muslims account for less than 2% of the Australian population, but approximately 40% of that population lives in the multi-cultural city of Sydney. Muslims in Sydney are ethnically, linguistically, and culturally diverse, having come from more than 120 countries.

Ali is from a strongly Muslim nation but has found refuge and work in Sydney. A friend invited him along to a home fellowship, where he knew followers of Jesus gathered for prayer and Bible study. Ali had been warned about 'churches' all his life and would certainly not want to be seen entering a church building. This city seemed to be filled with endless cultural centres, places of worship, and places of debauchery...and Ali steadfastly avoided them all. But this seemed different. These were mostly people from his own country, or countries nearby. Ali was both interested

and sceptical and went along with his friend to see what it was about.

Ali enjoyed the meal and was intrigued by the group's sincere desire to follow Scripture. Impressed by the way everyone loved and respected one another, despite different ages, genders, jobs, and nationalities, Ali kept coming and slowly came to know and love Jesus too.

The house fellowship meetings included familiar elements of his home country's hospitality and language, but the love of the community was radically different, and Ali heard and believed the gospel in an environment of community love.



How can we pray?

Pray for many Christians in Sydney to be willing to show love to immigrants, students, and visitors from Muslim countries. (Ephesians 2:19)

Pray for Muslims in Sydney to encounter the love of Christ and His people. (Romans 12:9)

May God continue to use the movement of people around the world to bring those from "closed" countries into contact with the gospel for His glory! (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)