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This issue of the *Journal of Adventist Mission Studies* begins with an article by JoAnn Davidson on two unlikely missionaries—Jonah and Paul—by using narrative theology.

Linda Smith, writing under her pen name, shares several worldview themes common among Arab Muslim women. The sections dealing with shame, honor, defilement, and how the Bible offers Good News for a defiled world suggests several very positive approaches to sharing Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit with Muslims.

Missionaries are always challenged as to how to present the gospel in ways that are biblically faithful and culturally relevant. This issue of the journal has three articles on contextualization: Amy Whitsett's article on foot washing and the dangers of contextualizing important biblical forms in the quest for relevancy, Reylourd Reyes' article on the need to contextualize gospel presentations for young urbanites who are more and more likely to be classed as *nones*—people who are not affiliated with any religious organization, and Johan Siachibila's article encouraging the use of a people group's proverbs to reinforce biblical principles and teachings.

Clifmond Shameerudeen offers an excellent overview of the various ways Hindus seek salvation from the endless cycles of births and rebirths before offering several suggested ways to build bridges of communication and understanding with your Hindu friends. His article is a reminder of the importance of spending time to understand the worldview themes and religious terminology that can lead to much more productive sharing of the gospel with those in one of the world religions.

Eric Richter's article on the work and ministry of Jean Vuilleumier in South America from 1895 to 1901 highlights the challenges, hard work, and disappointments that can impact those who are on the front lines establishing footholds for the gospel among new people groups.

John Holbrook offers a glimpse of spiritual warfare among tribal people in the Philippines in his case study: *Spirits in the Clinic*. The final section in his article lists missiological implications of the continuing battle between good and evil in our world.

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