Editorial

This issue of the *Journal of Adventist Mission Studies* looks at several challenges faced by those involved in Muslim ministries. Mike Johnson’s article on contextualized discipleship ministries should challenge all of us to grapple with the questions of how to minister most effectively with Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) and then how best to relate to them. While the goal of all witness is to join together in fellowship, matters of security and the realization that as soon as most MBBs declare that they are Christians they lose their ability to witness to their family, neighbors, and friends, should give caution as to what we demand of those new believers. Joseph Kidder’s personal journey also gives insight into just how difficult it is for Christians living in areas where Islam predominates to love Muslims enough so that God could use them to communicate the Good News to their Muslim neighbors.

Petras Bahadur’s article on the use of the Qur’an in Adventist work for Muslims is also a hot button issue. It is quite amazing what the Qur’an says about God’s Word and the respect the Qur’an offers to the previous revelations.

One of the greatest threats to Muslim work comes not from Muslims but from within the ranks of the Christian community as people who are not actively involved with Muslims become critical and vocal about the approaches used. I would again make the plea that everyone involved in witness to Muslims be patient and understanding with those who use different approaches, and for those who have never witnessed to Muslims—please hold your criticism until you have experienced the difficulties of communicating Christ in Muslim contexts.

The *Journal of Adventist Mission Studies* is also happy to present two excellent presentations that were made at the 2012 Annual Council in Washington, DC by G. T. Ng and D. J. B. Trim. Those two articles offer excellent challenges to mission practitioners and church administrators and should stimulate a lot of reflective thinking by every Seventh-day Adventist.

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