



WHY AGLOW AND ISLAM? Unveiling the System...Loving the People!

God has given the women of Aglow a mandate for one-fifth of the population of the world, the Muslim people. These followers of the Islamic religion have never known the love of our Father. They are without Christ and therefore without hope. They have no forgiveness of sin and no real assurance of salvation and eternal life.

A mandate is *an authoritative order or command, a commission*. It also means *to entrust, to put into one's hand*. As women of Aglow, we are privileged to be called and commissioned by God to co-labor with Him on behalf of the Muslim people. He has placed this mandate in our hands.

A. 1991

God spoke powerfully at our Aglow International Conference in 1991 in Orlando, Florida:

For you have seen the great darkness and yea, you have said it is a formidable enemy and how shall we penetrate that darkness? For yea, it cloaks the nations, it cloaks the Muslim nations and you say to Me, 'O Lord my God, those religious beliefs are ingrained and woven into the very fabric of their being and yet, shall they be free?' And I say unto you tonight, yes, they shall be free. For as it takes only one thread to unravel a garment so shall I unravel the garment of Islam, even as I have unraveled the garment of communism in this hour. Yea, My people, I cry unto you, lay hold of that thread in My power and My might and we shall disrobe the garment of Islam," saith the Lord.

Our President, Jane Hansen wrote in the recent book, ***Mantled with Authority***, (Wagner Publications, 2003):

When I think of the garment of Islam, I think of the burqa, a garment worn by many Muslim women, covering them from head to foot. It is physically, and in a spiritual sense, like a shroud. TIME magazine called it a "body bag for the living." God began to 'unravel' that shroud by showing the world in a very powerful way the condition imposed upon women by a system.

B. 1993

At our 1993 International Conference, one of the speakers, Steve Penny from Australia, confirmed the word from 1991:

*I don't know what happened in 1991 in your Aglow convention, but Jane, I feel the Lord has given me a word for you. In 1991 something of God's purpose for this ministry was sown into your hearts by the Word of the Lord. Conception took place. Something fresh...something new...something for the ministry began to bubble. This was a new hour for the ministry of Aglow. I feel like the word for this conference is that which is being conceived—is being confirmed by the Spirit of God. Hasn't yet come to birth. I believe that **in a couple of years ahead**, there will be a birthing of the things that have been seeded into your hearts, but at this conference, the Spirit of God is confirming, 'This is what I'm doing. This is My plan.'*

C. 1995

A couple of years later, our 1995 International Conference, speaker Rick Joyner, reconfirmed the Islam word when he said:

Now I want to give you an invitation from Him also—an invitation, I believe, to Aglow. I believe it comes directly from the Lord: The Lord will give you Islam if you will take it.

D. Where we have come since 1991

Being led by the Holy Spirit, Aglow has followed this call in many ways, a few of which are:

In prayer:

- We geared ministry-wide prayer thrusts toward the Muslim nations via Prayer Alerts, letters to the field, *Connection-Fast Access* newsletters, other communications from Worldwide Headquarters; ministry-wide prayer and fasting during Ramadan.
- Strategic leaders took prayer journeys into Kuwait, Egypt, Israel, Turkey.
- We established a Strategic Prayer Force specifically related to Islam.
- We created a tri-fold brochure, *How to Pray for the Muslim People*, and distributed it to the field.

In education:

- The leadership educated themselves through seminars and strategic meetings with those knowledgeable in ministry to Muslims, including a consultant who is a former Muslim.
- We established an office of Islamic Outreach and Awareness at the Worldwide Headquarters (subsequently restructured, we appointed a new Islamic Education and Awareness Director.)
- We educated Aglow women through resource materials sent to leaders, speakers at Aglow conferences, Islamic Awareness Seminars held in many states in the U.S. and nations in Europe and Africa.
- We established “I” Coordinators in every region in the U.S. as well as the development of a training manual for coordinators that has been distributed internationally.

In outreach:

- We held prayer walks and outreaches in Dearborn, Michigan, which has the most significant Muslim population of any U.S. city and London, England, 2nd highest concentration of Muslims in Europe.
- Aglow helped produce television programs in Arabic geared to Muslim women which aired via satellite in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa with great response; also being shown on public TV in the U.S.
- Aglow women around the world continue to reach out to Muslim women in their nations.

SINCE THE “THREAD” WORD WAS GIVEN IN 1991, AGLOW HAS SEEN AN INCREASE OF ACTIVITY IN MUSLIM NATIONS:

- Prior to 1991, Aglow was active in 8 Muslim nations.
- Since 1991, Aglow has become affiliated in 22 Muslim nations.
- Aglow women in nations such as Pakistan, Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, Niger, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Indonesia, Jordan, Oman, Kosovo, and the “Stan” nations in Central Asia continue to reach out to Muslim women with the healing, restoring love of Jesus Christ.

The thread God has given to this ministry is so powerful that if we let the Lord open our eyes and respond to the opportunities He will give us – this word will come to pass...the garment WILL be unraveled! The light of Christ WILL come into the darkness. Each one of us has a specific place and each one of us will make a difference!