

Christ was born in this region, but he is honored as a prophet, not as Lord by the Sunni Muslims who are the majority here. Arabs and Bedouins make up the bulk of the population, though Berbers are more prominent as one moves further west in North Africa. Israel wavers between Orthodox and a secular forms of Judaism, while Messianic Jews try to influence God's chosen people. Will the King of Kings be honored in the land of His birth as the savior that He really is?



## **SALIM & KAY MUNAYER**

Salim was born one of six children to a Palestinian Christian family in Lod, Israel. He was educated in Catholic, Jewish and Arab schools. While attending a Jewish high school he began to seek the truth. This led him to a Bible group in his aunt's home in the early 1970's. While attending this study group he heard a presentation of Jesus like he had never heard or seen before. Since that time, he has been involved with ministering to both Jews and Arabs.

At age 22, he moved to Tel Aviv where he attended Tel Aviv University and became involved in the planting of a Messianic Jewish Congregation. He became very active in Bible studies and led a Bible study for Arabic youth. After receiving "God's call," he enrolled at Pepperdine University in California and Fuller Theological Seminary where he received his master's degree in Missiology. In 2000, he received a PhD through the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies and University of Wales, Cardiff.

He returned to Israel and began teaching at Bethlehem Bible College. He became very involved in education. In 1985, he met Kay and they married in 1987. Kay is a true partner in his ministry as well as reaching out through fundraising projects for local charities. They have four children.

Salim oversees an organization called Musalaha which in Arabic means "reconciliation." This organization is a bridge between the Palestinian and Israeli believers and provides a safe environment for developing interpersonal relationships and healing between the two groups. Young people are brought together on Desert Encounters, camps and conferences in order to learn about reconciliation. Their role models are the counselors who are both Israeli and Palestinian.

Salim is currently serving as Academic Dean at Bethlehem Bible College and when time and schedules allow, Salim trains Muslim evangelism workers and lectures internationally.

People around the world know of the incredible challenges facing this region of the world. Be encouraged that the faithfulness of those simply praying and leading bible studies can, and does, lead the blessings of new believers year after year in this region

*Palestinian Arabs fall into a category classified as Levant Arabs. "Levant" is a broad term that includes several groups of Arabs: the Jordanian, Palestinian, Iraqi, Arabic, Jewish, Chaldean, and Syrian Arabs. Today, several hundred thousand Levant Arabs live along the northern edges of the Arabian Desert spread from Israel to Kuwait and as far east as Iran. Small groups can be found in North Africa. At the present time, there are only a few known Palestinian Arab Christians and evangelization efforts among these tribes are challenging due to restrictions in many of the countries, as*

*well as general antagonism to Christianity. Intercession is a key to reaching them with the Gospel.*

*As we think of Salim's story, let's pray for not only the Palestinian Arabs, but for all of the other 388 Least-Reached People Groups of the Middle East/North Africa as well that...*

## **HEART HUNGER**

Pray for real heart hunger in every individual throughout these Least-Reached Peoples, that they would long to know the Truth and be set free; pray they find true freedom in Jesus.

## **RECONCILIATION**

Hundreds of years of offense and strife have gendered (could this be incorrect English? Could this be generated?) bitter hostility between Christians, Jews and Arabs. Pray for God to soften the hearts of these, to heal the hurts, and to break down every dividing wall— making of them One New Man in Jesus Christ.

## **CREATIVE ACCESS**

Ask God to make a way where there seems to be no way to share His love and truth with those held in restricted access environments

## **MODELS**

Just as Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us so that we could know God, pray for believers who are willing to live incarnational lives among these groups, no matter what the challenges may be.

## **STUDENTS**

Young people are often seeking answers for deep questions of life. Pray that God directs them to those who can give them the Answer.

Link for profile of Palestinian Arabs: <http://www.ksafe.com/profiles/clusters/8049.html>

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