



## Webzine

We are excited that our second webzine, on the topic of purity is about to be published. Women's religious practices in Islam are mediated by being clean, and the gospel is good news for them. Read the magazine [here](#).

## Blogs

Every fortnight we post a new blog on a topic touching on the issues of the gospel, women and Islam. The blogs are a space for sharing learning and asking questions together, making resources accessible, whatever your engagement with Muslims. Subscribe to the blog and learn more about the issues for women who follow Islam and those who share their journey to discover Jesus. Access the blogs [here](#).

## Training opportunities

We will be running training in Sydney, 25 - 26 May. This is an introduction to Taking Steps to interact with our Muslim sisters. See the notice at the end for further details.

The online I-view courses are an exciting learning opportunities for those engaged in ministry. See [website](#) for further details.



## Finding your voice ...

When Women Speak ... will convene a conference for women practitioner-scholars in Melbourne, 15 - 18 August, 2018. Bringing together up to 30 participants, the conference is encouraging a new generation of women working at the intersection of women, Islam and mission, with 9 women presenting papers, working with a mentor-champion at each stage. We are excited that these 9 women represent 9 nationalities, including two women from a Muslim background, engaged in 9 different ministry situations.

We are presenting raising the finance, and have a range of practical matters to put in place. Will you please pray with us for this conference, for the women and for the practical outcomes that will impact ministry and scholarship.





## Working and walking with BMB's

When Women Speak ... was excited to bring together a small group of women followers of Jesus out of Islam at the end of 2017. We are looking to bring these women, and perhaps include more BMB (Believers from a Muslim Background), towards the end of 2018.

It has been a blessing seeing the relational networks created among these women, the support they could offer each other, the ways they have adapted and used things we did together in their own context, and the synergy of working with each other in shared ministry in some places. Please pray for us for these women, for the possibility of this event in 2018, and for the resources to being together the right group of women.

We are presently exploring ways of encouraging BMB women to do practical research on issues that affect those who choose to follow Jesus out of Islam. This is in its early stages, and we are excited at what could be possible if women are equipped and resourced to ask the questions, reflect on the answers and apply in ministry.

## Who are our Muslim sisters

Our Muslim sisters are not one homogeneous group that we can simply label 'Muslim women'. There are women who are committed to the proper practice of their faith, and in sharing that faith with others; women of the missionary or *da'wa* movements. Then there are women who desire a return to the 'Golden Age of Islam', and embrace more radical expressions of their religion. Other women are looking for faith that touches their felt needs and is more deeply experiential, and they embrace popular, sometimes called folk, Islam, or experiential Islam. Modernist Muslim women seek to engage in dialogue and understanding with those of other faiths, engaging their own beliefs in a similar dialogue to respond to today's world. Secular Muslim women explore issues of justice and rights often, committed to act for change that tackles deep social and human issues. It is impossible not to add another group today, those displaced, internally or as refugees in other countries, by war and conflict, other forms of social, economic, religious and political issues. Pray with us for Muslim women to experience Jesus in the situations where they negotiate life every day.

When Women Speak...

Women's I-View 101

Taking steps to interact with  
our Muslim sisters

25-26 May 2018  
Good Shepherd Anglican Church  
80 Pandora St, Greenacre

\$30

Facilitators include Cathy (Interserve Partner) and Moyra (CMS Partner),  
founders of When Women Speak...

Training will commence Friday 7pm, continuing Saturday 9am - 5pm.

Registration fee covers morning tea and lunch on Saturday.  
Women and men participants are welcome.

To register

Registrations | [www.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:www.sydney@gmail.com)  
or Interserve 1800 057 100\*

\*In your registration please include your name and contact details, and also the name and contact details of your pastor - thank you.