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John and Phyll Chesworth in Oxford



John and Phyll

What's the Need?

Christian-Muslim relations are hitting the headlines. There are no shortcuts to a deep understanding of Islam, and Muslim worldviews. The **Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies** in Oxford has been founded to engage in research and academic writing, with staff whose qualifications are recognised by Christian and Muslim theologians alike, to serve both Muslim and Christian communities.

How will this help Christians reach Muslims for Christ? Its staff will be involved in training others, to fulfil its aim to have a Christian scholar of Islam in every theological college in the world. Trained Christian leaders can assist their churches to effectively engage with their Muslim neighbours.

Why John and Phyll?

John's experience has prepared him for this new project, in which he will be teaching, writing, organising courses and seminars, and available for consultation on Muslim-Christian issues.

“See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.”
(Isaiah 55: 5-6)

During 18 years as a Crosslinks mission partner in East Africa, John taught at two theological colleges, developing courses on Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations (ICMR). At St. Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya, he set up a Masters Programme in ICMR in co-operation with PROCMURA (Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa). 16 students from six African countries have already completed the course and are now advising their churches on engagement with Muslim communities.

John recently completed his doctoral thesis at Birmingham University, a study on the use of scripture in Swahili outreach literature by Muslims and Christians. He has received invitations to lecture in Christian colleges in the UK and maintains his links with several African theological colleges as well as being involved in study projects with a wider remit.

Phyll worked as a GP in the UK before their mission service in East Africa where she ran dispensaries serving the colleges and surrounding communities and set up an HIV/AIDS testing centre. She will be involved in the administration of the Centre in Oxford.



What now?

Now is a key time to have a Christian voice within the Muslim-Christian discourse. Crosslinks is seeking churches, trusts and individuals to partner with John and Phyll in their work.

Here are some examples of where your giving could go:

- **£14** per month pays for car insurance
- **£100** per month pays for Council Tax
- **£500** per month pays towards rental accommodation in Oxford

Working Together

Crosslinks would like to help John and Phyll. Please consider joining their partnership team, praying with them and supporting them financially.

Please fill in the relevant form today to show your support for John and Phyll and the Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies.