

FOR THE LOVE OF MUSLIMS

Lessons for Online Missionaries dealing with Muslims

Lesson 22: Please Call Me

If an internet contact specifically gives you their phone number and asks you to call them, you don't need to feel guilty if you don't do what they ask. Sometimes people are looking for a way to get to the West or for a girlfriend. There could also be language barriers at work.

We would recommend email as the default form of communication. The GMO training manual offers a few guidelines that are applicable here:

- Never tell anyone in a sensitive country that we have Campus Crusade workers in their country.
- Never give out your full name or personal contact info or contact information for local Christians.
- Never promise any kind of physical or material aid. Tell them that we are solely an online ministry helping people to know God better.
- Don't use the term "missionary" or "online missionary" because this term is often viewed negatively in other countries.
- If someone emails and says they are in danger of any kind, and especially religious persecution, *do not respond*. Reassign the message to your Community Leader. Most of these "danger" messages have been found to be false.
- If someone says that they want to get in contact with someone locally, reassign this also to your Community Leader who will pass this contact to the appropriate people. Any legitimate needs will be taken care of at that level.

Based on the above, what would you do if you received this email?

My friend, why not call me? Please call me and tell me if it's true or false. Really I love you. Please call me 0161677543. My friend, I see now that you are not good to me. You don't help me when I really need your help. Do anything. I really need to talk more about this. Please call me.

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