

NEED HIM GLOBAL.

CONVERSATIONS



THE GROWING PORN EPIDEMIC

We live in a rapidly changing world where traditional values and beliefs are increasingly viewed as narrow minded or uninformed. Community is moving away from traditional personal relationships into online personas. The result is a world growing in hidden pain.

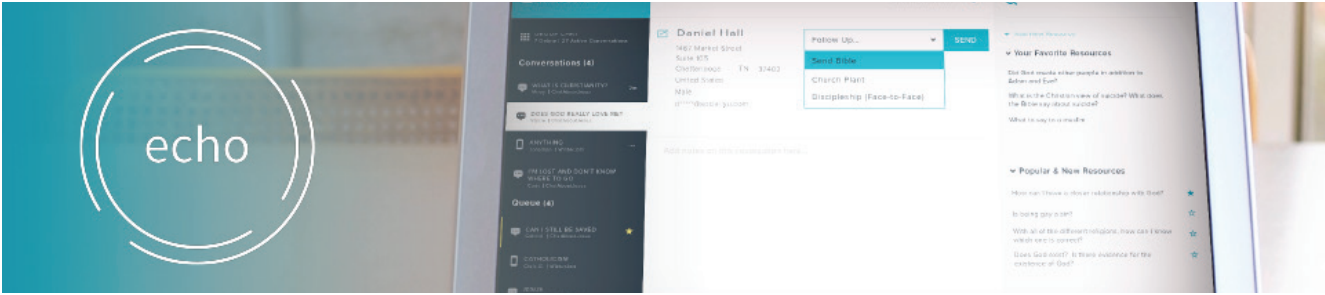
As this change happens before our very eyes, Need Him Global has a front row seat to how culture is changing and the resulting impact on society. But there is one issue that has exploded in the past year and represents an epidemic of pain and brokenness. That issue is pornography.

You may be thinking that is no surprise based on the prevalent availability of pornography online and the growing acceptability of it in culture. However, there is more to this problem than you think. We see almost 50% of our conversations on this topic coming from women. We regularly see teenagers that have been involved with pornography for years. A recent landmark study on the problem showed that more than one in four (26%) young people aged 18-24 seek porn out weekly. A growing number of teens are “sexting” meaning receiving or sending sexually explicit images via text message. And maybe most discouragingly, less than one-third (32%) of young adults say viewing porn is “usually or always wrong”.

The result is a growing number of conversations each day with young people that are desperately seeking some biblical truth and help around this issue. A growing number of conversations are with people that are watching a marriage come apart and want help for their spouse. The result is that we are always looking for solid resources to share. There are some good accountability software programs to track phone and computer use but many seekers also want something they can lean on that is based on biblical principles and putting Jesus at the heart of change. We wanted to offer something that would help people be set free from the destructive patterns of lust, guilt, emptiness and broken promises.



The result was that the ministry created a reading plan specifically for women struggling with pornography and another specifically for men. We published these plans the first week of March with no advertising or media. We have already had over 20,000 people subscribe to the plans and start walking with Jesus to find hope and healing from pornography. If you know someone struggling with this issue then refer them to either the Freedom from Porn: Women or Freedom from Porn: Men reading plan at [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ECHO GLOBAL RESPONSE!

For the first dozen years that Need Him Global existed it was primarily a phone ministry using an assortment of telephony solutions. Then media opportunities to share the Gospel changed and it became clear that the ministry would need to use things like online chat, text messaging and social media if we wanted to reach all people. The challenge was there were no response systems that would handle all those different response technologies and help with evangelism.

The ministry was fortunate to have partners that would allow us to use world class systems but those were focused on managing customer relationships and selling more products. After much prayer, the ministry eventually made the decision to invest in building a system specifically for sharing the Gospel and nothing else.

Echo is that evangelism response system. This revolutionary technology solution allows volunteers to log in securely and remotely to respond to seekers from all over the world. It is specifically designed for evangelism with training and resources specific to

sharing the Gospel. It is a cloud based platform that incorporates phone calls, online chats, text messages and emails into a single response system that can be used by volunteers anywhere they have internet access.

In the Spring of 2014, the latest and most current version of Echo was launched. When the former President of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board saw it, he said ... “Echo could be the tool that God uses to complete the Great Commission! Echo is the piece we will need to accomplish this in our lifetime.”

In less than three years, the system has handled over 1 million conversations across phone, online chat, text messaging and email. We now have ministry partners around the globe using the system and contributing to its maintenance costs. The system is easily converted to other languages so some of those ministries are having conversations within Echo in different languages like Spanish, Farsi, Uzbek and Azerbaijani.

We are grateful for your support and that of our technology partner. That team has been instrumental in developing, maintaining and advancing this lifeline to conversations with seekers. We are grateful for this incredible technology and look forward to the next million conversations that share the Gospel and the one true message of hope found in Jesus Christ.



How are you tonight?

I have had an abortion and my mind keeps going back to the surgery and how I could have not gone through it.

That is a hard thing to still be going through

I felt alone lost and scared. I want to go back and change it so much but I know I can't. I am angry with my mother. I was so influenced by her. I know I am a killer. I have so many things to deal with

First of all, God still loves you. He never stopped

How can He love me for what I have done?

Because He has promised to. His word tells us that nothing can stop His love for us -absolutely nothing. He loves you

But I killed my baby and how can a mother do that to her own child? I betrayed Him and my baby - how could this be ever forgiven?

His love is not conditional on anything we have done or don't do. He still loves us. Have you asked for His forgiveness?

Yes I have but I keep feeling so ashamed of myself and embarrassed to even pray. there is no way I could Be with Jesus.

if you are wanting to have a relationship with Jesus and all it entails, then there is nothing stopping you. Do you know about a man in the Bible whose name was Paul?

Who is Paul?

Paul was this super religious guy. Jesus was preaching what Paul and his fellow leaders thought was going against God. So Paul decided to do something about the people who were following Jesus. He would kill anyone who claimed to follow Jesus and he was very good at it

And what happened after did he stop and ask for forgiveness?

Paul was blinded. While he was blind Jesus told Paul to stop. Paul's eyes were healed and he then wanted to follow Jesus. Paul went on to become one of the greatest missionaries ever and wrote much of the New Testament. But he never forgot how he hurt Jesus and the people he had killed.

how did he overcome it? Did Jesus do anything to him?

Jesus forgave him. Completely forgave him. When we ask God for forgiveness, he gives it to us. And when God forgives us, He forgets the sin. He doesn't see our mistakes, our bad choices, our rebellious actions anymore. All He sees is His lost child, coming home at last.

Not sure that will happen to me

Your guilt and anger are natural human doubts and concerns. But, there is a difference between how we see ourselves and how God sees us. When God forgives us, we can trust that He has done what He promised.



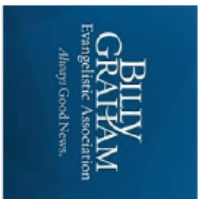
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## INTERN PROFILE: SUFNAT WASTI

Several times each year we bring on a new class of interns from local seminaries. Sufnat Wasti joined our Resident Leadership Program earlier this year. He was born in Pakistan and is currently pursuing a Masters in Christian Apologetics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. We are grateful the Lord connected us with this young man and we thought you would enjoy getting to know him.

### Tell us about your childhood

I feel very blessed that my parents were followers of Jesus in a country where 97% of people are Muslims and only 1.5% consider themselves Christian. My friends would challenge me to believe Islam and claim the Bible had been hopelessly corrupted. I would think to myself, how can it be that I alone am right and all of them wrong. This is what got me interested in apologetics.

### What was your education like in Pakistan?

I attended a private university and started taking courses in Christian studies. It was there that I heard a teacher say that the only reason one can be put right with God is through Jesus Christ. This is when I fully accepted Christ's righteousness and knew that God called me to ministry.

### How did you end up in the U.S. and what does life look like here?

A missionary friend pointed me towards seminary at Southwestern several years ago and I now have almost completed my Masters. I presently attend a local international Christian church in Ft. Worth and lead a Bible study for international students at University of Texas at Arlington. Most of the members of the group come from various backgrounds and nationalities.

### What has been your experience doing online evangelism with Need Him Global?

Working with Need Him has impacted me greatly. Every day I get to share the Gospel with people from around the world. I have talked to atheists, agnostics, Muslims, Hindus, and countless others. I have seen people come to Christ from all over the world. God is teaching me how the Gospel is relevant to people from all backgrounds.

### What has God shown you during this time with the ministry?

I feel more confident in my faith by seeing how Christianity can deal with various intellectual attacks and transform lives. Talking to people who are going through various hard situations has helped me have a heart for those hurting around me. I am more aware of the consequences sin can have on my life and learning to rely even more on God. So far it has been a great experience of trusting in the Lord, growing in knowledge, and sharing His love.



### What will you do after you graduate?

I will be pursuing a PhD in Theology and then plan to return to Pakistan and teach at the university where I studied. I also hope to plant Christian churches among Muslims back home. I feel honored to be part of this ministry and fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord as it prepares me for going home.

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