

## Former Terrorist sheds light upon darkness and says Arise!

By Bill Johnson



Kamal Saleem speaking in Fremont, MI

On February 7,8,9 we hosted former terrorist and converted Christian Kamal Saleem in Grand Rapids at the Crowne Plaza (where over 180 were in attendance despite wintry conditions), in Fremont at ADA headquarters (where nearly 190 were in attendance filling up our auditorium and overflow room), and in Holland at the Alpen Rose Restaurant (where 92 were in attendance) and where we were blessed to have 92 year-old World War II Christian Dutch resistance worker, Diet Eman, speak of her experience in hiding Jews and keeping them from harms way - which ultimately led to her imprisonment.

Kamal Saleem was heavily targeted by the left as a self-proclaimed terrorist and a fraud. Saleem came heavily vetted by war veterans and well-established Christian ministries.

Saleem gave separate and distinct messages in each of the locations where he spoke.

In Grand Rapids, he spoke of the political landscape that has opened the way for the Muslim Brotherhood, CAIR, and the Islamists to be infiltrating America. In Fremont, he spoke of his heritage and history in Lebanon and of God's hand in bringing him out of Lebanon as a terrorist trying to convert American citizens to Islam.

In Holland, the message provided a background of America and how we have been lulled to sleep.

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In each location, the audiences were mesmerized and touched by his obvious humility, deep love for God, and his love and concern for America.

He helped us see how so many Americans have taken freedom for granted. He vividly painted verbal pictures to help us see what life under Shariah looks like and of the treacherous life it is for all - especially women, Christians, and those who don't comply with Shariah dictates.

Having seen beheadings, death, oppression, and having been indoctrinated and controlled by the tyranny of Shariah, Kamal was resistant to Christianity.

However, God broke through Kamal's resistance as He does by His grace.

Kamal experienced a life-threatening car accident while on an expressway in America. He was in our country working in a cell group wooing vulnerable people in the inner city into becoming practicing Islamists, undermining America, preparing the way to eventually bring in Shariah through Civilization Jihad.

Committed Christians took in Kamal and ministered to him in body, soul, and spirit through the tangible evidences of giving their lives away in Christian love.

One of the most striking characteristics in hearing Kamal and spending time with him is a spirit of gratitude and love for God, God's people, America and the unbelievable freedoms of this country under the U.S. Constitution.

In October 2012, under the title "Understanding the Times in Order to Know What

to Do" American Decency Association hosted long-time national security policy expert, Frank Gaffney, head of the Center for Security Policy in Washington DC.

We continue to point you to three resources to assist you in understanding the various assaults upon America:

(1) the instructive website that I highly recommend: [www.muslimbrotherhoodinamerica.com](http://www.muslimbrotherhoodinamerica.com)

(2) the book "Shariah: The Threat to America" - which we have available on our website or by calling 1-888-733-2326

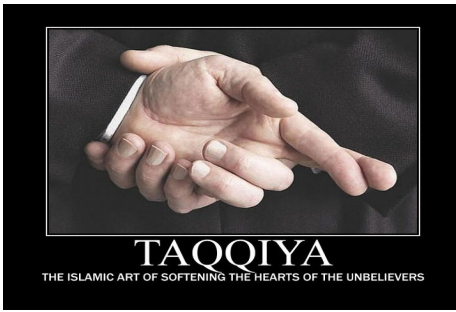
(3) and Frank Gaffney's DVD presentation in Grand Rapids which is also available online in our video section at: [www.americandecency.org](http://www.americandecency.org).

The audience was spell-bound by the concerning information they received from this national security expert. Frank Gaffney's powerpoint named names and displayed pictures of those aligned with the Muslim Brotherhood who have infiltrated the highest departments in our land: such as the State Department, the Defense Department, the FBI, the CIA, etc..



# On Taqiyya and waking up

by Bill Johnson



Many of you are aware that there is a great shift going on in our culture. A shift away from being a people who hold high God and view God's word, the Bible, as the authority for all of life.

We also see a shift of our government moving away from holding high our founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Evidence abounds, but clearly one of the ways that we see this unfolding is when President Obama states that if Congress won't take action, he will. So much for the balance of powers.

The book of Judges is a book that gives us pause to consider. It is a book whose underlying theme is that every man did what was right in his own eyes. It is a book of violence, degradation, man's inhumanity to man, and incredible wickedness. Sounds very contemporary doesn't it?

Many years ago, President John Adams stated "... We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Dr. R.C. Sproul, president of Ligonier Ministries, in a question and answer session following a message entitled "Period of Judges" states the following:

*But beloved, the United States of America is now a post-Christian country. Don't think for a minute that it's a Christian nation. It isn't. It's way beyond that now. We live in the*

*midst of unbridled paganism and idolatry and hostility toward the Christian faith. The only reason why we're not in jail this morning is because we lack boldness, but you can't believe the hostility out there against the Christian church. ....*

*Again there are still millions of faithful Christians in this country. For their sake we plead that God would spare this nation and withhold His hand of judgment, and we pray for revival. We never stop praying for that.*

*Yet at the same time what I'm saying to you is don't expect God to forebear forever.*

*You know what I fear will be the undoing of America? Economic collapse. Complete economic collapse. Now, I'm not a prophet, but the reason I say that is when you look at the hand of God in history His judgment tends to be a kind of poetic justice - a judgment in kind. He's made us the most prosperous nation in the history of the world where the poorest person in America today lives better than kings lived three hundred years ago. I mean the poorest person in our country lives better than 99% of the people who have lived on the face of the earth. We can't believe the prosperity that we have enjoyed in this nation. And if I know anything about God, the way that God is going to punish is, if He gives a nation that kind of blessing, the Lord gives and the Lord takes away. ....*

*I'm not praying that God will withhold His hand, but at the same time what God does with our nation, with our politicians, what God does with our institutions is up to God. We are to pray and so on, but in the meantime our main business is to be faithful to the Covenant. So that whatever happens, God will preserve for Himself a remnant in the land who will be faithful to His Covenant. And that's what we are called to do.*

By God's grace, you and I will be faithful and will encourage many others to be true, come what may.

I don't intend to give up caring about what is going on all around me.

By God's grace, I will continue seeking other like-minded friends and kindred spirits

- urging them to stand together in understanding the times in order to know what to do.

That doesn't mean being a good little church mouse: Meek, mild, spineless, apathetic as to what is going on around me - more interested in personal peace, personal pleasures, affluence, sports.

It's not so much about me anymore, but it's about my children, grandchildren, friends and loved ones.



You have loved ones, too - young and old. You probably have pictures hanging on your wall and by your bedside. Your heart is filled with love. Are you going to give in to despair? I don't think so.

Below are just a few points to keep in mind, consider, and pray about:

**Members of Congress Demand Obama Administration Classify Ft. Hood Attack as an 'Act of Terrorism'**

*This is monstrous. This story is close to four years old. Why did this take so long? And why did ABC wait until after the election to run this terrible miscarriage of justice?*

*How far will the jihad sympathizer in the White House push this?*

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Thirteen people were killed, including a pregnant soldier, and 32 others shot in the Nov. 5, 2009 rampage by the accused shooter, Major Nidal Hasan, at the Army base in Killeen, Texas. Hasan now awaits a military trial on charges of premeditated murder and attempted murder.

Despite extensive evidence that Hasan was in communication with al Qaeda leader Anwar al-Awlaki prior to the attack, the military has denied the victims a Purple Heart and is treating the incident as “workplace violence” instead of “combat related” or terrorism.

Al-Awlaki has since been killed in a U.S. drone attack in Yemen, in what was termed a major victory in the U.S. efforts against al Qaeda.

[http://atlasshrugs2000.typepad.com/atlas\\_shrugs/2013/02/members-of-congress-demand-obama-administration-classify-ft-hood-attack-as-an-act-of-terrorism.html](http://atlasshrugs2000.typepad.com/atlas_shrugs/2013/02/members-of-congress-demand-obama-administration-classify-ft-hood-attack-as-an-act-of-terrorism.html)

## Calls grow to pull plug on US gifts of tanks, F-16 jets to Egypt

Washington – Republican Rep. Vern Buchanan urged President Obama Thursday to stop the shipments of 20 American F-16 fighter jets and 200 Abrams tanks to Egypt. The Florida Congressman is part of a growing chorus of critics who have asked the administration to pull the plug on the \$213 million deal....

Buchanan recently called for ending foreign aid to Egypt altogether and told FoxNews.com last month that the Muslim

Brotherhood-backed government has been sending increasingly troubling signals to Washington, and giving it state-of-the-art fighter jets is a dangerous idea. ...

“A Shariah dictatorship on Israel’s border – armed with American weapons – is a deadly threat to Israel and America,” reads a petition being circulated by The American Center for Law and Justice. “All U.S. funding to Egypt must be cut off until we can certify that aid to Egypt will help the national security interests of the United States and Israel.”

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/01/10/calls-to-pull-plug-on-us-gifts-tanks-f-16-jets-to-egypt-grows/>

## Other matters of grave concern

Frank Gaffney comments regarding the nominations of John Brennan as CIA head and Chuck Hagel as Defense Secretary: “The question in my mind is only partly that they will be people who will only be too happy to execute the president’s policies. Yes men, if you would. These are people who bring their own very bad judgment to the national security challenges of our time, and to the extent that they are actually serving in policy-making roles, they’re not simply going to be executing bad direction from the president, they will be compounding it.

Quoting Frank Gaffney (leading national security policy expert) in an interview with News Max - February 15, 2013

## On sequestration - the significant trimming down of the military --

Defense Department officials have warned Congress that the spending cuts required by sequestration would pose a dire threat to the U.S. military.

“That effect will be manifested in a lot of different ways. We’re already seeing it translate into a reduced presence of American power around the world. The ability to project that power is similarly

being reduced. The ability to modernize our forces, to even maintain, in many cases, worn out equipment is also going to be affected.

## Gaffney on Al-Qaida

“The reality is this: We have killed some of the leaders of al-Qaida, that’s a good thing. But we certainly have not defeated the larger enterprise of which al-Qaida is one part, that is the community of Muslims who adhere to Sharia and who, by their sense of God’s will, feel obliged to wage Jihad to impose it on the rest of us.

“We are nowhere near defeating them or even slowing their ascendancy. To the contrary, the United States government under Obama is today helping achieve that ascendancy by funding and legitimizing and empowering and even arming and certainly emboldening the Muslim Brotherhood and others in this cohort.

<http://www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org/2013/02/15/gaffney-obamas-foreign-policy-makes-world-much-more-dangerous/>

I encourage you to educate yourself and to purchase a copy of the book “Shariah: The Threat to America.”



# 'Normalcy bias'

by Chris Johnson



'Normalcy bias' is the term for the state of mind which assumes that, in the face of clear and present danger, everything will continue on the same as it always has. In other words, when faced with the fact that there is a chance that a disaster may occur or that the disaster may not occur, a normalcy bias would lead one to concur that the disaster will not occur in spite of any evidence to the contrary.

Normalcy bias is also an apt description of the American state of mind on any imaginable threat to our nation.

As an exercise, consider for a moment the fact that a nuclear weapon launched from a hostile nation like Iran would take about 33 minutes to reach the United States and that our capability to shoot down that weapon has huge - and growing - holes in it.

Sounds like a great movie scene, doesn't it? In fact, I can think of three movies off the top of my head that have used almost that exact idea. It's a very real, possible scenario, but do you really believe that such a threat exists? And, unfortunately, neither Iron Man, Ripcord, nor the Incredibles would be around to save the day.

Unless you just jumped up from your chair and are on the way to the store to stock up on canned goods, the answer is probably "no."

That is normalcy bias.

The American Decency Association hosted former-terrorist Kamal Saleem for several speaking engagements around West Michigan. Having an intimate knowledge

of the inner workings of some of the world's most notorious terror organizations, Saleem spoke of the FBI's discovery of the Muslim Brotherhood's plan to claim the United States for Islam.

The files were uncovered by the FBI in the course of the investigations surrounding the well-known Holy Land Foundation trial, which yielded convictions of funding terrorism by Muslim Brotherhood front groups.

The strategy outlined in the document, known as "An Explanatory Memorandum On the General Strategic Goal for the Group In North America," was summarized by Joseph Myers of AmericanThinker.com in 2007 (during the Holy Land Foundation trial).

*"The primary strategic concept to accomplish the Brotherhood's objective is 'civilizational jihad,' the usurpation and replacement of American Judeo-Christian and Western liberal social, political and religious foundations by Islam. The campaign plan is one of colonization, described by the [Muslim Brotherhood] as a 'settlement strategy.' Explaining this concept they describe it as establishing Islam in America as 'stable,' 'rooted' and 'enabled on which the Islamic structure is built and with which the testimony of civilization is achieved.' Recognizing this strategy cannot be carried forward alone by the Brotherhood they recognized the strategy requires that, 'They are then to work to employ, direct and unify Muslims' efforts and powers for this process. In order to do that, we must possess a mastery of the art of 'coalitions', the art of 'absorption' and the principles of 'cooperation.'"*

Sounds crazy, right? It smacks of a conspiracy theory. But recognize that this is not some "official" document dredged up by bloggers at chickenlittle.wordpress.com. This is a document used by the federal government to convict five men of funding terrorism and while The Holy Land Foundation itself was convicted and shut down, myriad offshoots and co-conspirators were not indicted and thus not convicted

- including very public organizations like CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) and ISNA (Islamic Society of North America).

There is no doubt that there is a concerted effort by well-funded and resolved men to claim our beloved "Land of the Free" for Islam, among many other threats that receive little publicity. Their success depends on us. We can allow our normalcy bias to convince us to ignore details that have scary conclusions - like those mentioned on the previous page - or we can prepare ourselves for the threat and share the information with others.

What has been cannot always be.

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# Hardee's/Carl's Jr. at it again

by Lisa Van Houten



One of our readers emailed: *“Hardees/Carl's Jr. is at it again with their disgusting porn commercials! Why can't we get them to stop this???”*

Not surprisingly, Hardee's/Carl's Jr. is at it again. The company known for its string of pornographic ads – featuring lewd, erotic displays from Paris Hilton to Kate Upton – has a new commercial out. The ad premiered during the Super Bowl – on the west coast only - but is now airing across the country.

The ad features a bikini-clad model – that is, she's wearing a bikini until she seductively takes off her top. While eating a sandwich she spreads her legs and poses in numerous sexual positions as the camera focuses on her body parts.

Here are a few comments from others who posted their opinions about the ad on a Yahoo! website.

- \* *“This would make me NOT want to go to Hardees.”*
- \* *“And the complete objectifying of women continues, as well as the complete manipulating of stupid men with the objectification.”*
- \* *“I would not buy ANYTHING from Hardee's due to the incredibly inappropriate commercials they run. I find it alarming that my family has to endure this and other trashy advertising. Let them know by not supporting them with your money and maybe they will get the message. Otherwise this is what we can expect from now on.”*
- \* *“How disgusting for any company to*

*produce porn ads like Carl's JR/Hardee's does. I will never eat at these places, ever!!!”*

\* *“Children see too much of this ... already. Cut the sex out of commercials. We have little kids watching this. Let them be kids ...”*

\* *“This was vulgar! Very inappropriate for family viewing!!! Extremely disappointed that Carl's Jr would stoop this low to sell a sandwich!!!”*

\* *“Who ... eats like that?? Legs spread, butt in the air, come on get real! ...”*

\* *“I thought it was an ad for Playboy!!!”*

\* *“Didn't surprise me at all. Hardees always has vulgar commercials. Females are definitely not their target audience. Ads are a turn-off. Refuse to eat there.”*

\* *“As a guy, I will have to say that it's hard to be objective with visuals like that. Admittedly, this kept me glued to the screen. Proof that sex sells. ...”*

\* *“Carl's Jr. has done this before! I am by no means a prude, but this was just too much over the top (& bottom). They were selling sex not burgers. I wish they would STOP IT!!!”*

\* *“... and people wonder what's wrong with society today, there is no more modesty, morals or values left, only soft porn to sell food, and no wonder young girls and young women are getting raped and kidnapped. Very sad, and very disturbing. ...”*

\* *“That is not sexy ... and it doesn't make me want to buy that sandwich.”*

\* *“People think this is some kind of 'porn', disgusting ...etc. Funny, Beyonce was wearing a skimpy outfit, spreading her legs, gyrating her hips, etc. ... yet people were raving about her 'performance'. America is one strange, very confused country.”*

- *“I used to go there all the time but since they started using porn to sell burgers I have not been back. ... Boycott these places.”*


- *“This is pure pornography. There are so many kids watching the game and then this comes on. Shame on everyone involved.”*

Pornography is defined by Webster's as material created for the purposes of eliciting a sexual response. Thus, the description of this ad as pornographic.

Hardee's is a hamburger business catering to families. How can anyone, knowing of their salacious advertising gimmicks, give business to Hardees/Carl Jr.?

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# Guard your family from Glee

by Lisa Van Houten



“Naked” - The title of a recent episode of Glee says it all.

*Glee* draws millions of teen and pre-teen viewers each week who tune in to watch this edgy, and often erotic, show about a modern-day glee club. Mixed with the catchy vocal productions are sexualized themes and secular humanist propaganda indoctrinating viewers.

The above-mentioned episode focused on former Glee club member, now college student, Rachel agreeing to appear topless in an amateur film production. While she ultimately changes her mind about shedding her clothes on film, the writers of *Glee* make the point that the character Rachel is not against nudity, as she states: “*I think it’s okay for actresses to be naked.*” The point is stressed that while she might not be ready “right now” to bare it all, she definitely would be open to doing so in the future – making it sound as if it’s a rite of passage for all actresses to appear nude on film.

Back at the high school, the glee club holds a fundraiser by producing a ‘Boys of Glee Club’ calendar featuring photos of the underage boys nearly nude. The girls plan the calendar and one of the girls tells her male classmate that he’ll be Mr. October with just “*a jack-o-lantern over his naughty bits.*”

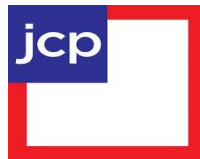
The shirtless guys perform a sexually-explicit song and dance (if you can call such erotic gyrations a ‘dance’) while singing a rap song with crude lyrics such as the repetitive line - “*It’s getting hot in here, so take your clothes off.*”

Amazingly, no one has a problem with un-

derage high school students producing a pornographic calendar except for teacher Sue Sylvester – the glee club’s nemesis. Sue Sylvester, the lone villain of the show, is cruel, nasty, intolerant, and bigoted. Oh, and of course, she’s also a religious conservative. It also is revealed in this episode that Sue once posed nude in Penthouse magazine – so add hypocrite to this Hollywood caricature of all conservatives.

These few examples certainly should prove that *Glee* is not fit for family viewing. Yet millions of families tune in each week – sadly, even some undiscerning Christian families! And as they do, along with the catchy performances, they are catching the immoral value system put forth by the creator of *Glee*.

Are you guarding the eyes, hearts, and minds of your family? As God reminds us in Psalm 101:3a – may we not set any wicked thing before our eyes.



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*Thank you, B.L*

*Thank you all! There’s such a chill in the air from the darkness that’s blowing across the world and in our very own country. May you remain unswerving in your faithfulness to the faithful one and righteousness.*

*Sincerely, N.*

*... God is so good and I pray for all of you. I thank God for you and the work you are doing for his Glory. ...*

*Love, E.D.*

*May the LORD God prosper & multiply all you do in His Name and for His glory.*

*E & J. P.*

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# SI Swimsuit: They're not "modeling" anything!

by Lisa Van Houten



The 2013 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit magazine is in a store near you ready to be picked up and viewed by men and boys everywhere. However, don't be fooled by the name. Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition has nothing to do with sports and, considering the fact that numbers of the photos show completely nude women, it has very little to do with swimsuits.

**What the SI Swimsuit Edition is, though, is blatant pornography.**

**And the young women baring their bodies are not "models." They're not "modeling" anything! They are nothing more than strippers – posing and exposing themselves for the pleasure of men.**

Yet somehow our culture has turned them into celebrities. These so-called models made their rounds to the TV talk shows - from David Letterman to NBC's Today Show - as the TV hosts gushed and fawned over the young women. Even the Fox News morning show interviewed one of the "models" as erotic images from the magazine were aired simultaneously.

The magazine features dozens of photos of topless women, as well as fully nude women. The cover photo itself is so explicit I can't imagine why any store manager with a modicum of decency would display this magazine – and yet they do – in millions of family shopping centers across America. Stores that would never sell Playboy, sell the equally pornographic Sports Illustrated Swimsuit. For truly, this magazine is little different than a Playboy. Yet, to some in America, the name Sports Illustrated seems to give it a semblance of "acceptability." Men who would not dream of buying a porn magazine, without a thought have the

SI Swimsuit Edition in their home.

Also troubling are corporations who not only endorse this magazine with their advertising dollars, but stoop to the same level by incorporating bikini-clad models and eroticism into their ads.

In some cases there is little difference between the erotic advertisements and the SI photo displays. The worst offenders of corporations using sexually explicit themes in their ads were: Dodge Ram; Direct TV; Playtex; Target; Fiat; Lexus; Honda; and Axe men's products.

This issue of SI Swimsuit actually did spark controversy and garnered criticism by some in the media. Not, however, for their exploitive, degrading pornographic displays, but rather for exploiting indigenous people by including them in the photos as they filmed around the world!

Take a moment and really think about what this magazine is about and the views and thought patterns it establishes within our culture. It teaches young boys and men to objectify women – to see them as sex objects to be viewed and used for their pleasure. And what about girls and women? What does SI Swimsuit teach them? It sends the message that their worth is dependent upon their sex appeal. That to gain acceptance they must degrade themselves.

No matter how accepted the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit magazine has become, it needs to be opposed. One of the great concerns about the SI Swimsuit issue is its easy availability by anyone of any age – which has long made it a stepping stone to increased use of pornography by boys and young men. We have heard numerous accounts from concerned and angry moms who have discovered that their young sons have been able to purchase it or who have received it in the mail.

However, you can make an impact where you shop. It can take just one concerned shopper who, with shaking knees but a firm resolve to stand for Truth, approaches a store manager and expresses concern about the sale of pornography in a family

marketplace. You can be that person making a difference!

Because the cover photo on this magazine is so incredibly explicit, I strongly recommend that only ladies do the following: Go to your local pharmacy, supermarket, or anywhere magazines are sold and check the magazine racks - not only by the checkouts, but also the store's magazine/book section. If you find Sports Illustrated Swimsuit, take it to the store manager and express your concern about such a pornographic display in a family shopping center. And then follow up next week and offer appreciation to those that pulled the magazine and again express your deep concern to any that are still selling it.

When we step out in weakness but in faith, God often does his best work in us and through us. Take a stand for righteousness today.



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## Diet Eman: An example of faith and courage

by Lisa Van Houten



Earlier in this newsletter you've read about our three events featuring Kamal Saleem and his compelling messages and testimony. In addition, our Saturday event also featured a presentation by a second speaker that none in attendance will soon forget.

Last October you may recall ADA hosted a conference on radical Islam featuring speaker Frank Gaffney. Afterwards, we went through the registration slips from that event and noticed an attendee's name - Diet Eman - written in the shaky handwriting of one who has lived many years. The name was familiar, and then we realized who had been in our audience that day. Diet [pronounced "Deet"] is a Dutch immigrant with a tremendous story who now lives in West Michigan.

During World War II in her native country, the Netherlands, Diet, a young Christian woman in her early twenties, worked tirelessly and courageously in the Dutch Underground resistance movement hiding Jews from Nazi persecution and murder. At tremendous risk to her own life - resulting in her eventual arrest and imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp - she helped save many lives.

We wished we had known Diet was with us at our conference last October. Having heard a bit about her life story, we would have been thrilled to meet this amazing dear lady in person.

Months later as we planned our recent events featuring Kamal Saleem, we thought of Diet's story and how her bold stance for freedom against Nazi oppression would tie in so very well with today's threat of radical Islam. And so we placed a call to Diet, now 92 years old, asking

if she would be willing to share her story. With reluctance, she told us she didn't think she'd be able to. Then, two weeks before the event, she called stating that if we could arrange transportation for her, she would love to speak at our Holland, Michigan breakfast event. The Lord brought to mind the perfect couple to escort her - although I think we would have moved mountains if necessary to have her with us that day!

Speaking with a still discernible Dutch accent and a voice softened with age, Diet spoke for about 30 minutes to a rapt audience. She told of the oppression of the Dutch people under Nazi occupation, the cruelty of the ever-present Gestapo, the hardship endured. She spoke, too, of the persecution of the large Jewish population in the Netherlands. How she and her fiancé were burdened to help - crying out on their knees to God - *"Lord, they are your people and they are so persecuted. We have to help them."*

Diet gave accounts of finding places to hide Jews. Dutch farmers across the countryside taking in Jews; a well-meaning woman in the heart of the city hiding dozens of Jewish people in her small home. She and her fiancé helped hundreds of Jewish people. Always the problems of obtaining enough food, identification papers, the fear of being discovered by the Gestapo. As she stated: *"we had insurmountable problems, but God always helped."*

**She described being in a Nazi concentration camp, telling the audience: *"I can only say that God was always there. And with my bobbie pin I scraped in the wall when no guards were looking: 'Lo, I am with you always.' ..."***

With 92 years of wisdom that comes from walking with the Lord, she told us: *"There is not one life that from the moment you are born to the day you die that you don't have a cross to bear. ... And some people have many crosses. I had many crosses, but God was always there like He promised. 'Lo, I am with you always.' And whatever happens in your life, remember that. ... But whatever happens He is there. ..."*

*God has a purpose and He is in control and nearest to His children that have the heaviest load and then you are a testimony to the world. ... And for the young people I want to say if you have to make decisions about life ... God has a plan for all your lives. And when you have to make choices, make the right choice. And sometimes that brings suffering. ... In the New Testament they thanked God that they were worthy of suffering for Him.*

As Diet concluded, she offered to take questions from the audience. I, and I think many others, had tears over what happened next. A middle-aged lady stood up and said, *"I don't have a question, but I am Jewish and I want to thank you for what you did to save my people."* It was an incredible moment as the two embraced!

**After the event Diet made herself available to sign her book, *"Things We Couldn't Say"* which gives an account of her courageous efforts during World War II. I noticed two girls in their late teens come up to Diet and kneel in front of where she was sitting. One of the girls asked Diet: *"What can I as a young person do to be a leader in our culture for Christ?"***

Wow! What an incredible scene before me as these two young ladies recognized the example before them of a woman, now in her nineties, who boldly stood for Christ when she was about their age - and is still doing so today. I could not hear what Diet said as she spoke to them for several minutes, but it was obvious the impact Diet had on these young lives.

I, too, purchased Diet's book that day. When she signed it for me, she inscribed, *"Please read my favorite psalm - Psalm 27."* I hope you will take a moment to read that psalm.

**I also urge you to read Diet's book, *"Things We Couldn't Say."* See the enclosed response card to order or call us at 1-888-733-2326. You will be blessed and inspired by her tremendous example of faith and courage from one who always remembered, *"Lo, I am with you always."***