New York: A Muslimbackground believer presents his testimony

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Father's Love Indonesian Church recently celebrated its 8th anniversary in New York City. We celebrated with a special worship service featuring dance, choruses, guest speakers and a feast.

Alexandra GrandaI feel amazed and blessed by God to be part of this church, where I am serving as the youth leader for the summer and have been able to learn so much. Some of these people come from Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist backgrounds and were reached with the gospel here in the United States.

One of the highlights of the celebration was a former Muslim who gave his testimony.

He was a drug addict who had been a devoted Muslim. He was able to learn and experience the unconditional love of Jesus. There was a time in his life when he finally understood Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice and not a messenger like Muslims believe. He described how he felt when he learned Jesus paid for our sins and covered our shame with his precious

blood.

He learned Jesus really died and rose from the dead on the third day. He spoke about how hard it was for him to be a follower of Jesus back in his country and how afraid he was of revealing the truth to his family. He told how his mother and



the rest of his family rejected him when they found out he had become a follower of Jesus.

I am thankful I live in a part of the world where I am able to express my freedom in Christ and share the good news to everyone. However, my heart breaks for my brothers and sisters in the rest of the world who are persecuted. Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters, that the spirit of God will cover them with joy.

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