

New Imam welcomed

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"As our Prophet said in a Hadith: 'Live like brothers and servants of Allah.' And if I don't see my brother or other relatives, say for about 10 days, I go to see him, and we sit and drink tea and talk.

"There is a Hadith which says that whoever visits his brother in Al-Islam, Allah might forgive his sins. In another Hadith, 'Allah loves those who visit each other in Allah's sake.' People from other countries are also welcome to the Sudan. To us there are no strangers.

"I saw a brother here in American who had visited the Sudan. He told me that he had been on a public bus and the passengers recognized that he wasn't Sudanese. They embraced him and began wishing him well. They told him, 'We'll pray for you.'"

The Sudanese people work in businesses, factories, government offices and on farms near the Nile River where they raise cattle along with other animals, vegetables and fruits.

Imam Nur is very confident that in the near future Al-Islam will be firmly established in America and the West. "Thirty years ago, who would have thought there would be Muslims in America? Now we have thousands of strong Islamic workers in America, and the WCIW under the leadership of Chief Imam Wallace Deen Muhammad

is the largest Muslim community in the West."

IMAM NUR BELIEVES that eventually all the Islamic movements in the West will unite with the WCIW and build a mighty Islamic movement in America and the West.

"I think the Western world is a very good land for Islam. Why? Because the Western civilization didn't give the people peace. It gave them the material life, but no peace. Allah says in the Holy Quran, 'But whosoever turns away from My message, verily for him is a life narrowed': Surah 10, Verse 124.

"And now there is hunger in the West for Iman (faith). Islam is able to feed the scholars, the philosophers, the scientists and all because Islam speaks to the heart as well as the mind.

"There is a Hadith which says that Islam is going to enter all buildings, countries, huts and all peoples. There will not remain upon the surface of the Earth a mud brick house or a camel's hair tent but Allah will penetrate in that the word of Al-Islam bringing both mighty honor and abject humiliation."

Imam Nur urged Muslims in the West to be particularly careful to live up to their religious teachings. "The people in America will learn a lot from the Muslims and their habits. The



effects of Islamic habits will stop all crimes and other evils in the society.

OUR PROPHET SAID, "No fornicator commits fornication in the state of being a believer so long as he is busy in committing it. No thief commits theft in the state of being a believer so long as he commits this (sin). No drunkard drinks in the state of being a believer so long as he is busy in drinking. No plunderer plunders something which can attract the eyes of the people as a believer as long as he is busy in the act of plundering.

"What makes people accept Al-Islam is the way Muslims behave. Our Prophet (peace be upon him) said, 'The best of you are those who possess the best of manners.' In that way, indi-

vidual Muslim traders went into Asia in early Islamic history and treated the people very nice and the people in those countries would see them praying—this impressed the people to accept Al-Islam."

Imam Nur noted that many of the ills suffered in the Western society would be erased if the Western world simply shunned those things which Al-Islam forbids.

"Pork, wine, unlawful sex are forbidden by Islam because they are harmful to human beings. So we see in the West, people spending billions of dollars trying to overcome harm caused by pork, wine and unlawful sex. But Al-Islam says shun them through faith in Allah."

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