

# MECO provides more than just an Oasis

**Julia\***, a MECO worker, describes an exciting new ministry called the Oasis Café. Learn about how students are being blessed by this Christian café and how you can be involved.

Drinking coffee, talking with friends, playing games, and celebrating your birthday: all things you could imagine would happen in your own home. MECO workers serving at the Oasis Café seek to ensure that those who come to this Christian café can enjoy just such a warm, friendly environment.

The Oasis Café is found in a busy, university town under the shadow of one of the town's major mosques. A joint project by MECO and a local church, the café opened in the latter part of 2008. The Lord opened what seemed like impossible doors to establish a Christian café and witness in this mainly Muslim community.

### A safe haven

A quiet place for students who want to relax over a slice of cake or the increasingly popular 'Aussie Burger with the lot', the café is an ideal place to meet some of the 16,000 plus international students attending the university.

In some cases it would not be culturally correct for MECO workers to go to a student's flat, so the café is a wonderful place to meet. It is a safe haven where MECO workers strive to build relationships and so reflect the love of Jesus.

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One young man, who has been blessed by the café, comes from a closed country. He came to know Christ while living away from home and now frequently comes into the café to talk about the Lord. Problems with his family who live at a distance and have not accepted his faith do take their toll, but he knows that he can come to the café to share and for prayer.

### We need your help

The opportunities are endless but we need your help! We desperately need workers to come and help - to get involved, contact your local MECO office (*details on page 2*) or email [info@aboutmeco.org](mailto:info@aboutmeco.org)

The other need is a financial one - in order to help with expenses that are involved with such a business, financial and prayer supporters are essential. Why? If MECO workers run the café solely to make a profit, they would be kept busy which would mean wasting the most valuable commodity they have - their time for building up relationships. There needs to be a balance between making some money to help keep the café open, and time to do what the Lord has called MECO workers to do - to share the Good News both with the students and the local community. Could you help? For more details, contact your local MECO office (*details on page 2*) or email [info@aboutmeco.org](mailto:info@aboutmeco.org)

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Lasting friendships nurtured at the Oasis Café



### Wanted - Café Manager!

We are looking for an experienced hands-on manager to motivate the small staff team and develop the menu and café events. They will be responsible for the overall management of the staff, the day-to-day running of the café and maintaining the established café environment while supporting the general ethos of MECO.

If you'd like more information or to get a job description, visit [www.aboutmeco.org](http://www.aboutmeco.org), email [info@aboutmeco.org](mailto:info@aboutmeco.org) or call your local MECO office (*details on page 2*).

