

**Please Help Me Get Healthy So I Can Serve the Lord**

Dear xxxxx,

One less-mentioned aspect of Iran Alive's ministry is helping the persecuted Christians in Iran. There are 2 million Christian in Iran who, with no church, are intimidated, isolated, and made prisoners in their homes. We help them by providing church services in the privacy of their homes daily. In partnership with you and organizations such as The Voice of the Martyrs, we also help specific individuals and their families who are suffering for their faith.

Over the years many of our underground church leaders have been arrested, jailed, and even tortured. We have not brought their cases to the public often but have worked hard behind the scenes to assist them. We have financially supported the families of those who were jailed, hired lawyers to defend them in court, appealed to human rights organization to protest their torture, and helped pay their medical bills when they are released with the great physical damage caused by torture. Below is a request for help we just received from a precious brother:



*My name is Reza, and I was born in a religious Islamic family in Iran. My love has always been music. I am a composer, singer, poet, and player of instruments. I had a small factory producing clothes. I installed a satellite dish in a room behind my factory, and I started watching Pastor Hormoz's programs on Network 7. At first, I was upset that he had turned away from Islam to become a Christian. I used to call Iran Alive to argue with him that Islam is the right way and his way is wrong, trying to convince him to come back to Islam.*

*I remember one day when Pastor Hormoz made a passionate appeal to the viewers to come to Christ after sharing a heartfelt evangelistic message. Seeing his tears, I said to myself, "I know this man is totally deceived." But those tears touched my heart deeply, and so I prayed that God would show the truth to both of us.*

*One night shortly after that as I was watching Network 7, I responded to Pastor Hormoz's appeal and knelt with him and prayed to receive Christ. I felt a warmth covering my body. I was so joyful that I could not control myself. I started running around my factory, thanking God out loud for my salvation. The worship songs that you broadcast on the network no longer bothered me but brought me joy. I started singing with you out loud, and I was convinced in my heart that Jesus is the true way.*

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*Right away I started a house church in my home for my family. I started distributing your evangelistic videos, Jesus films, and Bibles to others. But one day, the government agents invaded our house church and arrested my family and me. They took me to Evin prison. I was interrogated and tortured for 38 days and then sentenced to six years in jail. They also confiscated my factory. Because of torture, I suffered infections in my ears, nose, and eyes. My spine was also infected. I was in so much pain that I could hardly move my body.*

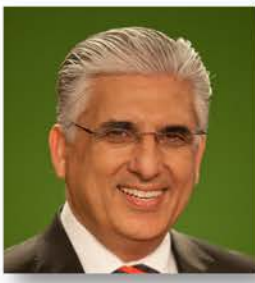
*I served my six-year sentence and have just been released. After years of suffering and being tortured in jail, my goal for my life is still to do His will by serving Him. I want to do great things for Him. My prayer is that Iran will experience the salvation of Jesus. I will not stop serving Him, but I need your help. I am suffering physically, and I cannot afford doctors and the expensive medicine that would help me. **Please help me get healthy so I can serve the Lord.***

My friend, this letter and this appeal wrench my heart with God's compassion. I hope it does the same to yours. We want to stand by our persecuted brothers and sisters, showing them love and compassion, enabling them to continue serving the Lord. But we have such limited resources that we have to say "no" to too many of them.

Would you help us help Reza and other brothers and sisters like him? I consider many of them my heroes, who after so much suffering and paying such a high price for their faith, still love Jesus and want to continue serving him. They remind me of Apostle Paul's words: "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; **persecuted, but not abandoned**; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Cor. 4:8-9). The persecution and suffering have not made them bitter but better. It has not discouraged them but made them more determined to walk closely with Jesus and serve Him.

We constantly get requests like this asking for help. **Would you help us help them?** Let's obey the word of God when it says: "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering" (Heb. 13:3).

**Reza needs \$5,000 to recover physically and start a new life. The cost to help other cases would range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. What are you able to do? What are you willing to do?**



Partnering with you to help persecuted Christians,

*Hormoz Shariat*

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