

Dear xxxxx,

“In my prison, hearing your name called meant you were about to be hanged.”

These are the words of Ahmad, who was serving a 12-year prison sentence for his involvement in a political demonstration in Iran.

Although his original sentence did not include execution, political dissidents are considered enemies of the government and Islam and therefore subject to any punishment deemed appropriate by the officials at any time.

Can you imagine the anxiety and unspeakable fear experienced by the people in Ahmad’s prison? Each time a guard cleared his throat, the prisoner’s prayed that their name would not be called.

Ahmad went on to tell one of our counselors his story when he called recently:

“After spending 9 months in this prison, frozen with fear and unable to calm myself, I had a dream one night.

In this dream, I saw a man with long white hair who told me ‘Ahmad, I am God and I am going to set you free.’

For reasons I can’t explain, I experienced peace and calm for the first time since arriving at that prison. That is until three days later, when one of the guards stepped into the hallway of prison cells and called, ‘Ahmad!’

Petrified, I knew that my time had come... I was about to be hanged and there was nothing I could do.

*The guard led me to the gallows, but we passed by it and walked to the prison gate. **He looked at me and said, ‘Ahmad, you are free.’** Confused, I asked, ‘What do you mean?’ He just looked at me and repeated, ‘Ahmad, you are free.’*

Believe me, I didn’t ask again, I walked, then began to run through the gate and down the street until I couldn’t run anymore.

Three days earlier, the man in my dream... he told me, ‘Ahmad, I am God and I will set you free,’ and here I was, free! Here I still am, FREE!

Shortly after being set free, I was flipping through the channels on my TV and came across your network. Pastor Hormoz was speaking about freedom that comes from God through knowing his son, Jesus. I dropped to my knees and asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins and to come into my heart. I knew at that instant that He had.

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I could not explain what had happened in prison when it occurred, but now I understand. Jesus had visited me in my dream and told me of his plan to give me physical and spiritual freedom!

Since then, my wife has come to know Christ as well and we lead an underground church in our home.

We are so thankful for your network and the work you are doing to bring God's hope to us!"

Dear Ones, the Lord is doing amazing things in the lives of Iranians, right now! He is about the business of making Himself known to a lost and broken people through visions and dreams, Satellite TV, other bold believers and ways that we can barely conceive!

There is no greater time in history than this moment to reach Iran with the hope of Christ. We don't know how long the Lord will leave this window open, but we know that it is wide open right now! We must not sit by and let this opportunity pass us by.

Praise the Lord that one day, Ahmad will once again here his name called among the saved in the glorious presence of our Savior. Rather than being overwhelmed by fear and anxiety, he will be overcome with gratitude and praise in the One who plucked him out of hopelessness and eternally grafted him into True Vine!

Brothers and Sisters, join me this month by giving your best gift to help us reach others like Ahmad with the saving hope of Christ!

Your gift today will enable us to continue taking the Gospel to millions of Iranians, like Ahmad, who are desperate for acceptance, hope and peace. I count it a great joy to labor by your side as together, we trust the Lord to use us to transform Iran into a Christian nation in this generation.

His for transforming Persia,



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