

I Am Illiterate—but God Used Me to Save My Village

Dear xxxxx,

Zahra, an elderly woman living in a remote Kurdish village of 200 people in west Iran, had never learned to read or write. She could not read the Quran; she could not read the news; she could not read any important documents. Neither could anyone in her village.

Recently, she called to pray with us to receive Christ. Our counselor realized that she was already a believer. Zahra could not read the Bible. How had she learned about Jesus? The counselor prayed with Zahra so that she would have assurance of her salvation. The story Zahra then shared with her amazed her. Here is Zahra's story:



Our village is in the mountainous areas where we get snow for six months a year. We are so remote that when it snows, we are practically cut off from the city. My family has a ranch that raises cattle and sheep.

I am illiterate but have been watching your satellite programs for a long time. Through those programs, I got to know about Jesus. One day when I went to the river to wash my clothes, I had an encounter with Him. The water was very cold, and my hands were freezing. But when I saw Jesus, He put his pierced hands on mine, and my hands got warm. Then He said, "Believe in me." Right there, I told Him, "I do believe in You!"

This beautiful lady talked to our counselor for over 40 minutes, during which she quoted scriptures repeatedly. Our counselor, being impressed, asked her, "You said you are illiterate. How come you know so many verses by heart?" Zahra replied:

We have only one Bible in our village. All of us are illiterate except my son. We have no school, but my son has been going to the city a few months a year to learn to read and write. So after I encountered Jesus, I asked my son to get me a Bible the next time he went to the city. He got a Bible and has been reading it to me daily. So I have memorized verses and told them to everyone in my village

As a result, many in our village have come to Christ. Many gather in my home regularly to watch your TV programs, receive your teachings, and listen to my son reading the Bible to them.

If God used an illiterate, elderly woman to save a village, don't you think He can use you and me to save a nation? I believe the answer is "Yes, He can, and Yes, He is."

God Has Prepared Hearts Everywhere in Iran to Receive Him

God *is* using you and me to save the nation of Iran. Millions of hungry hearts in Iran like Zahra's are ready to hear the Gospel, be transformed by it, and become an agent of transformation for their community.

Satellite television cannot be stopped, neither by the government nor by mountainous terrain. Daily, we go over the heads of ruling Mullah's and over impassable roads of snowcapped mountains into the home of millions of Iranian Muslims. Passionately, with God's love, we share the good news of the Gospel with them. Many respond every day.

Through Satellite TV, we are not just reaching city folks but also towns and even small villages, where many people with a simple life receive Jesus with a simple faith.

And we have help! As you see in this story, **Jesus Himself is making special appearances to Muslims**. We hear so many instances of His appearance that it is impossible to believe all are delusions. Sometimes I feel the Lord Jesus is calling out to us and saying, "Hey, look! Can't you see I love these people? I am doing my part by opening their hearts and even appearing to them in visions and dreams. Will you join me? Will you do your part and share the Gospel with them?"

My dear friend, by our partnership and through Satellite TV, we are doing just that: Joining Jesus—working where He is working.

Usher In a New Day for Iran

The Iranian New Year, called "Norooz" (meaning "New Day"), is March 20. Will you consider a special donation, small or large, to bring a "New Day" to desperate people in Iran? If you are a regular partner with us, will you consider increasing your monthly support? Together, let's join Jesus, and with Him, let's make history.



Following Jesus with you into every part of the Persian world,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hormoz Shariat".

Hormoz Shariat, Ph.D.
President & Founder, Iran

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