

## What Is Iran Alive Doing With Your Money?

Dear xxxxx,

As valuable team members and partners, you should know what we are doing and where we are heading. I truly want to thank all of you who pray and give because together we **ARE** making a historical impact for the Lord in the Middle East.

Because of your support, we are seeing the persecuted church in Iran and surrounding countries grow both numerically and spiritually. Yes, the news that you didn't often hear among reports of the nuclear agreement, sanctions, and terrorism is that the Lord is busy working to transform Iran into a Christian nation!



Below is an overview of the many ways that God is using Iran Alive to accomplish His mission. Our Savior is changing the hearts of Muslims. I pray that you can share this information about what God is doing with your friends in your church, office, and neighborhood and invite them to get involved in this great work.

### **Whom Are We Serving?**

At Iran Alive, we use media first to evangelize over 100 million Muslims and second to serve the 1-3 million Christians inside Iran. So we are both reaching out to the persecutors and also serving the persecuted. Of these Christians, 97 percent have never been to a church of any kind even once. Without our help, these believers would be isolated, fearful, and useless—indeed prisoners in the own homes with no Christian support.

### **How Do We Serve Them?**

We use media (satellite TV, internet and social media) to make available the full services of a church to every home daily. These services include weekly church services, prayer meetings, Bible classes, marriage programs, youth programs, children's Sunday school programs, and a variety of other programs both taped and live.

In America, televangelism often has a poor reputation. That is why it is so important for me to explain that even though we broadcast on TV, we are not televangelists! These programs aren't passive entertainment. Our goal is transformation, and as we pray and serve, we see lives transformed by Jesus. One of our viewers wrote the following:

Annual satellite airtime costs \$250,000. We have raised about \$175,000 so far for 2017. We are praying and trusting the Lord for \$75,000. Would you pray and ask how God wants you to help?

*"I used to laugh at people who said that the dead would raise. Today I laugh at myself because I was indeed dead and Jesus raised me from the dead."*

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## How Do We Train Leaders?

We don't want a one-way connection with our viewers through TV. We want a 2-way relationship so that we can identify and equip leaders. That is why we use **Social Media** daily to interact with our viewers and global church members. An increasing number of people are using the social media to communicate with us and watch our programs "on demand" at their convenience. Here are some stats:

- a. Currently, there are over 46,000 members on our various social media venues such as Facebook, Instagram, and a secure app called "Telegram."
- b. In 2016 alone, over 9,630,000 videos were watched and downloaded via our social media venues. Once downloaded, these videos are usually shared with friends and families, so the number of people reached is even more.

We are currently raising \$100,000 for training leaders using internet and social media. We have raised about \$50,000 and still need another \$50,000. Whether \$10 or \$10,000, every gift builds His

My friends, the stats represent not numbers but steadfast followers of Christ who often are ready to live and die for Jesus. **Once we help them find their calling and equip them, nothing can stop them from serving sacrificially and fearlessly.** Here is a typical testimony:

*"Before I was saved, I was very confused about life. I had many questions: 'Who am I? Who is my creator? Why did he create me? What are his plans for my life?' But now that I am saved, with your help, I know who I am and why I was born: I am a child of God and I was born to be a fisher of men."*

We encourage these new leaders to gather with their family and friends to form **Underground House Churches**, participate in our weekly church service, and provide mutual support to each other. Many families do that. There are homes where 10–25 people gather to have church with us. They even set their chairs like a church (see picture).

In 2016, the number of underground house churches that are connected to us doubled. So currently, 409 groups gather as a church under our direction and guidance. These groups exist in addition to a network of over 400 house churches that we had previously planted and that are currently being led by our spiritual sons and daughters.

**Membership to our Global Church** called "Church SEVEN" also more than doubled in 2016. Now, we have 3,908 members who are committed to the goals of our global church: "To be transformed and to be an agent of transformation."

The answer to the world's difficulties is not political but spiritual. I am asking the Lord to call you to seize this historical opportunity and join me to transform the Middle East for Christ.



Your partner for transforming Iran,

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

Donate NOW!

**P.S. Please prayerfully invest in Iran Alive so we can continue for another year. We need another \$75,000 for airtime costs and \$50,000 for Internet based leadership training. Support this ministry at [www.IranAliveMinistries.org](http://www.IranAliveMinistries.org)**