

Human Trafficking: Nightmares Turned into Dreams of Jesus

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What is your mission today, this very hour? Do you have one?

My longtime friend, Shamsi, recently spoke to me about her mission against human trafficking, which victimizes between two to four million people annually. God has called her to join a prominent ministry that buys thousands of children and youth from human traffickers each year. They help heal the emotional and physical wounds of these kids, educate and train them, and find them a new home around the world where they can start a new life. Her stories shocked me and grieved me to the point of tears.



These trafficking victims range from 6-month-old babies to 25-year-old youths. Some are kidnapped, some are bought from their parents, and some—the older ones—are enticed into this slavery by a promise of a better life and “employment.” They come from almost every country in the world including nations in the Middle East, Asia, Europe, South America, and even the U.S. and Canada.

What happens to these babies, children, teenagers, and young adults? **They are sold either to become sexual slaves or to be killed for organ harvesting.** Shamsi shared many stories that are too gruesome for me to repeat here.

But she also shared some great stories of redemption. A few months ago, her organization bought over 1,500 Iranian youth and children from human traffickers, gathered them in a camp, and asked her to serve them. In the midst of all that gloom and hopelessness, God has placed His agents. **It comforts me a little to hear that Iran Alive has helped bring some of these Iranian youth to the Lord and grow in their faith.**

Here is what Shamsi wrote us:

While visiting the camp for a few days two months ago, I gathered the children and youth to watch a DVD of Pastor Hormoz teaching. I was so amazed to see how hungry they were for the Word of God.

After watching the video, a 12-year-old Iranian boy said, “What should I do? I am a Muslim! But this man [Pastor Hormoz] has touched my heart and soul!”

I read part of the book of John to him in Farsi. This young man said, “Now I know that I do need Jesus.” I shared with him and others that I, too, was once a Muslim. But when I found Jesus, everything changed. By this time, it was around midnight, so I asked

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if I could pray with them. They misunderstood me and said, “No, instead of praying, tell us how we can become Christians like you.” I prayed with five of them that night to give their lives to Christ.

The next day, as we were having breakfast, a 23-year-old lady came to me and said, “I was listening from afar last night to what you were sharing. I did not pray with you then, but when I went to bed I had a dream of Jesus.” Then she boldly declared, “I also want to be a Christian!” Right there at the breakfast table, I prayed with her also.

The work is very hard, but the rewards are eternal. Since that visit, I have been sending Pastor Hormoz's teachings on DVD to them regularly so that they can grow in their faith.

I hope this story helps people understand how very important it is to spread Pastor Hormoz's teachings through satellite TV, thereby making it possible for us to record them on DVDs, duplicate them, and distribute them to those rescued from human trafficking.

My friends, only God knows how our partnership is impacting lives around the world. In addition to those who watch us on satellite or the internet, many record our programs and distribute them to evangelize or help Christians grow in their faith.

We Have a Mission

Jesus said that He has come to set the captives free (Lk 4:18). He passed on this mission to us, His church that is His body (Jn 17:18). We are all called to set the captives free—this includes those who are captives of sin, of the spirit of Islam, and of human traffickers. Together, we are doing just that.

So let us be faithful to our mission. Let us not grow weary of doing good (Gal 6:9). Through media, we can take the Gospel to every Muslim and see millions of them saved and set free from captivity.

If you are already a financial partner, I want to thank you and report to you that because of your sacrifice, we reached both goals that will keep us broadcasting in 2017: \$250K for satellite TV and \$100K for online ministry. You are truly a shareholder in what God is doing through Iran Alive. Your continued support will now enable us to serve the many who contact us weekly, allowing us to produce more powerful programs and train mighty leaders for the underground church in Iran.

If you are not yet a partner, may I invite you to come alongside so together we will make a tangible impact in Iran and the Middle East for the Gospel? I assure you that your investment will bring much return for His Kingdom—even among the slaves in the human trafficking business.



Setting captives free with you,

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

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P.S. To watch a video where Shamsi shares more testimonies about how God is battling human trafficking, please go to our website:

www.IranAliveMinistries.org