

25 March 2015,

Dear xxxxxxxx,

“Why should I be fearful? Those who threw me into prison are the ones who are afraid! They are fearful because they know that people’s lives are being changed by the message I am sharing with them about the hope of Christ. Do not worry about me, I live for Christ!”

This was the response of Amir, when our counselor asked him if he was fearful of being caught for sharing his story with her on the phone after serving a second prison term, *simply for his faith in Christ.*

My Dear Friends, it is difficult to express to you how humbled and challenged I am by Amir’s display of courage and his complete understanding of his identity in Christ.

During his conversation with our Counseling Center Minister, Amir went on to explain, “I may not always be free physically, but I have been set free by Christ’s love and I intend to tell about Him, wherever I am.”

This attitude reminds me of another preacher of the Gospel who spent time in prison for his faith in Christ. You know him as the Apostle Paul.

*We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; **persecuted**, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.*

1 Cor. 4:8-12

Persecution is a reality faced by nearly 2 million believers inside Iran every day. It is not a question of “If,” but “When?”

Make no mistake, Muslims who place their faith in Christ inside of Iran, do so with a grim understanding of the cost. *Yet, since 2001, more than 30,000 of them have personally contacted us to let us know that they are now followers of Christ!*

This is so in spite of the fact that making such a call puts them at great risk for being caught, persecuted, imprisoned, tortured or even killed.

For this reason, we believe this number represents a mere fraction of the actual number of Iranians who have made this decision through our broadcasts.

In the West, we speak of nominal Christians...those who profess to be followers of Christ, but never exhibit any real passion or evidence of their faith. ***There is no such expression in Iran.*** Those who profess Christ do so at a price and possess a passion and hunger for Him that cannot be described as “nominal.”

Every day, we hear stories of people, like Amir, who are suffering under the heavy weight of persecution and oppression placed on them by a government that wishes to intimidate them, destroy their will, and rob their joy.

Through the power of Satellite TV, we literally go over the heads of these Mullahs and Clerics into the privacy and safety of the homes of millions of Iranians 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We cannot do this without your generous financial support.

In 2015, we are trusting the Lord to provide the \$330,000 that is required to broadcast our satellite signal into Iran 24/7/365.

Would you pray and give your best gift this month to help us reach this goal?

I am thankful for you and greatly appreciate your partnership.

His for transforming Iran into a Christian nation in this generation,



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PS – Did you know that in a country where social media is banned, we had over 4.2 million video views on our Farsi Facebook site by people inside Iran in 2014?