

MESSAGE TO OUR PARTNERS

The Lord continues to make a historic impact in the Middle East through your generous partnership with us. Because of your support, we are seeing the persecuted church in Iran and surrounding countries grow both numerically and spiritually.

Training new leaders through the internet and social media has been a focused strategy for 2016 and continues in 2017. The church in Iran continues to grow at an unprecedented rate of 19.6 percent. Iranians are the most open to the Gospel of all Muslims in the Middle East—with Afghanistan a close second—and this means there is a tremendous need for leaders who can shepherd them. These believers lead at great risk to their lives and livelihood, and they are steadfast followers of Jesus. Once we help them find their calling and equip them, nothing can stop them from serving sacrificially and fearlessly.

I am so grateful for your partnership in this vital ministry to build up the Church in the Middle East. Please join with me to praise the Lord's incredible work in 2016.

~ Dr. Hormoz Shariat

THE VISION

To be used by God to transform Iran into a Christian nation in this generation according to

Jeremiah 49:38

THE MISSION

Iran Alive Ministries

exists to transform the lives of Iranians through viral evangelism, obedience-based discipleship and practical leadership.

**“Dr. Shariat is arguably
one of the most effective evangelists
to the nation of Iran.”**

~ Israel Islam & End Times Director, Daniel Secomb

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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.

Iran is consistently in the Top 10 list of countries persecuting Christians.

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.

HOW DO WE TRAIN LEADERS?

Social media allows us to have a daily two-way relationship with Persians so that we can identify and equip leaders. An increasing

number of people are using social media like Facebook, Instagram, and a secure app called “Telegram” to communicate with us, watch our programs, and share videos with others.

GLOBAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

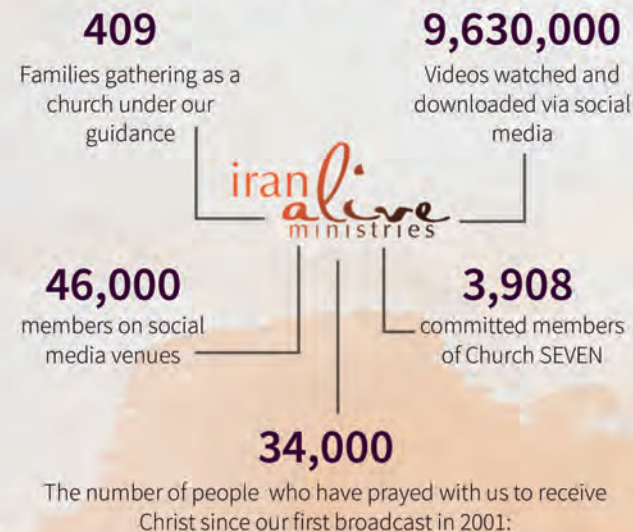
We formally launched Church SEVEN membership in 2015 to give the isolated Christians a sense of belonging and unity. In 2016, membership more than doubled, to 3,908 people committed to the goals of our global church: to be transformed and to be an agent of transformation.

Today we have over 700 underground house churches in over 100 cities.

UNDERGROUND HOUSE CHURCH PLANTING

We encourage viewers to gather with their family and friends to form a house church, participate in our weekly church service, and provide mutual support to each other. Many families do that, some with 10–25 people attending. In 2016, 206 more families decided to gather under our guidance, doubling the number of families gathering in 2015. These house churches are in addition to a network of over 400 house churches we have planted that are currently being led by our spiritual sons and daughters.

OUR 2016 STATISTICS



THE GOSPEL IS TRANSFORMING LIVES

“When I was a Muslim, I constantly lived in fear, anxiety, and hopelessness. But when I received salvation, I experienced peace for the first time in my life. Even when I lost my beloved son, Jesus gave me such a deep peace that was beyond my understanding. I can only say that it was supernatural.” ~ phone call from Akram in Iran

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