

## How I Stopped Beating My Wife

Dear xxxxx,

The heart of man is desperately wicked. No matter if a person lives in the West or the Middle East, neither religion nor science can cure this wickedness. Here is the story of an addicted, wife-beating, suicidal scientist in Iran whose life was changed not by science nor by religion, but by Jesus:

*My name is Payam. I am a research scientist and have a PhD in physics. I rejected Islam as a teenager. Ever since then, I denied the existence of God.*

*After I married, I became addicted, lost my job, and got into so much financial trouble that I was in need of food. I was depressed and often beat up my wife. One day, I hit her with a kettle full of boiling water. As they took her bruised and burned body to the hospital, I was planning to hang myself. It was then that I turned on TV and accidentally came to a channel where a man was speaking about Jesus. A voice inside me told me to change the channel, but I did not.*

*That man was Pastor Hormoz. It was as though he was talking to me and my situation. I still can hear his voice asking me, "Are you addicted? Are you jobless? Have you beaten your wife? Do you think nobody loves you? And now, are you planning to kill yourself? I know somebody who loves you as you are. You know Him as a prophet, but we know Him as Lord. Jesus is a forgiver of sins, and He forgives you. Kneel down right now and pray with me."*

*I involuntarily knelt down and prayed with Pastor Hormoz. I started crying from the depths of my heart. Then I felt a fire fall on me, and I started calling Jesus "Lord" out loud. I invited Jesus into my heart, and for 20 minutes I cried, shook and trembled.*

*That night the hospital staff called me and told me that my wife was not doing well. I prayed in the name of Jesus for my wife and asked Him to forgive me for beating her. After that night, my life changed, and my faith grew stronger and stronger. I was freed from addiction, depression, and anger. The first person in my family who came to Christ through me was my wife. Many others followed. **Now the Glory of God and His beloved Son is always evident in my home.***

My friends, **the great thing about TV is that it enters every home:** rich or poor, powerful or powerless, educated or uneducated. All people from all backgrounds need Jesus, and satellite TV provides access to all. Together we can take the Gospel into every home in the Middle East. Many like Dr. Payam turn on TV at a critical time in their lives and "accidentally" hear the saving message of the Gospel.

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Together with your partnership in 2016, we reached into the homes of millions of Farsi-speaking families in Iran, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan. Since the start of our broadcasts, over 34,000 people have declared that they have come to Christ through us. During this time, God has used us to plant more than 700 underground house churches in over 100 cities in Iran.

We have also seen **an explosion in the use of social media** like Facebook, Instagram, and especially an encrypted app called “Telegram”. This technology allows people to securely download teaching resources and media that they then share with their family, and safely distribute to others. Just a year ago this time, we had 300 families subscribed to our Telegram resources. We now have over 5,000 families—and all their network of neighbors, friends, and coworkers that they distribute to—through Telegram.

But **we need your partnership to continue broadcasting the Gospel** in the Middle East. The satellite contract for another year costs \$250,000. It will take an additional \$100,000 to meet the growing need for social media. Thanks to generous year-end giving of many of you, almost \$170,000 was raised. We are now halfway to meeting our combined goal! Still, the remaining funds must be raised soon to assure that we can continue to have an impact among Muslims in the Middle East.

Will you prayerfully consider giving a special gift towards this special need? **You will be sowing the great seed of the Gospel in the fertile ground of Iran, and I assure you, your investment will bring a hundredfold return for His Kingdom.**



Your partner for transforming Iran,

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

**P.S. Let's join together as a team to make history in the Middle East through Iran.**

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