

When I Was a Muslim, I Lived in Misery

Dear xxxxx,

We did it together. We are now on a new satellite! We just gained millions of new viewers.

My Thanks to all of you who contributed towards the \$350K needed for satellite airtime. With your help, on April 1 we were able to switch to a new satellite with better coverage, stronger signal, and less jamming. As a result, we estimate that **we have gained 15 million new viewers**. That means millions of Iranian Muslims are now hearing the Gospel for the very first time, and we are serving another 1 million isolated believers with no church.



Here is the story of Mahin, a Muslim Iranian woman who “accidentally” found our channel after we switched to the new satellite:

When I was a Muslim, I lived in misery, pain, and loneliness for many years. On the outside, my life looked OK, but on the inside I was miserable. I had a good husband, a good home, and healthy kids. But I was tired of people, and I was tired of life itself. I was suffering but did not know what was wrong with me.

I was a religious Muslim and did my prayers five times a day. But I felt oppressed as though I was carrying a mountain on my shoulders. Not only was I miserable, but I also made life miserable for my husband and kids. So my husband started talking about divorce and was looking for reasons to divorce me.

I could not sleep at night, so I used to stay up late switching channels and watching television. One night I accidentally saw your program on Yahsat [our new satellite]. I felt very much attracted to it and continued watching it regularly. Your message about Christ started to impact my life. Gradually, I saw myself changing. I started having joy and loving people. Life became meaningful. My days became filled with peace.

It was then that I called you and prayed with you to have Christ. I realized that I had problems before because of my corrupt heart and because Islam had not done—and could not do—anything for me.

Now I love people and want to tell them about Jesus, especially those who are depressed for no apparent reason and who are making life miserable for themselves

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and people around them—just like I was. I want to tell everybody that the only way for salvation is the Lord Jesus who can save us from every pain and misery. Now I have changed so much that my husband is astonished and is asking me about Jesus. He has cancelled his plans for divorce. My goal in life is to be a witness for Christ in my family first and then for others. I pray that my family be saved soon so that all of us witness for Christ together.

The Gospel is powerful. All Jesus is asking is for us to share it. He has done His part. He has opened the eyes of millions of Iranians Muslims to see the truth about Islam and Christianity. He has made their hearts hungry for a relationship with the true God. He is appearing to them in visions and dreams and doing miracles among them. And He has enabled us, through technology (satellite TV), to take the Gospel to every home. Now He is waiting for us to do our part: share the Gospel, make disciples, and build His church.

Iran will be a Christian country according to God's promise in Jeremiah 49:38. We believe if we work together, we can see this happen in one generation. This is indeed a possible dream because it has already started to happen.

We should focus on Iran not because there is a need—needs are everywhere—but because it is the wise strategy. Iran is the gateway to transforming the Middle East with the Gospel. Once Iran turns to Christ, the whole Middle East will fall like a domino effect. Iran is where God is working in a special way today.

Will you join Him in making history in Iran and the Middle East by financially investing in His work? **Our goal (and need) is to raise \$240,000 over the summer to finance our evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training efforts.** We need to expand our online classes so we can disciple, equip, and mobilize 1000 more Christians in the coming months.

With your contributions, you are storing treasures in heaven. What are the treasures? Miserable Muslims like Mahin who will be saved from captivity of Islam to eternal joyful life in Christ.



Your Partner for Saving Persia,

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

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P.S. Did you know our new satellite footprint covers the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe? Give today at www.IranAliveMinistries.org to impact Muslims everywhere.