



## REACHING “UNREACHABLE” MUSLIMS IN IRAN

Dear Friend,

Ruled by a strict Islamic dictatorship, Iranian women who oppose wearing headscarves are increasingly being targeted, just as Christians have been for many years, resulting in last year's national wave of protests. Many young Iranian men and women were arrested on trumped-up charges, some even executed. Many young people were permanently maimed as authorities deliberately shot protestors in the eyes.

Elahe Tavokolian was one of them who lost her eye.

*“You aimed at my eyes but my heart is still beating,” Elahe wrote in a post. “The light inside my heart and the hope of good days to come will keep me smiling. But your heart and your commander’s heart are getting darker every day.”*

I was moved by Elahe's comment and bravery. It is so true. Iran is getting darker every day. But the hearts of young people and the many who are disillusioned by Islam's oppressive rule are seeking for hope and a brighter way. Today, their hearts are more open to the gospel message than ever before.



To quash the protests sweeping the country, Iranian authorities cracked down on all media, restricting Internet access and social media platforms.

But they couldn't stop our Christian broadcasting programs!

During this stranglehold on the media, satellite transmissions from the outside world were the only means of reaching the people inside Iran.

## During times of unrest, people are yearning for hope.

ICNET's dedicated prayer-line remained open and active 24/7. Farsi speakers were able to call in with questions, ask for prayer and even receive Christ as their Savior.

Through these Christian satellite programs, many Muslims have come to know Christ. Many isolated Christians with no access to Christian fellowship are strengthened in their faith.



*ICNET Christian satellite programs - Paul Popov live on ICNET giving his testimony.*

**Reza**, a young man, grew up in a traditional and religious Muslim family in Iran. Through these satellite programs he heard the Good News and found faith in Christ.

In the safety of his home, a 60-year-old Muslim man, **Sadegh**, repeated the prayer for salvation at the conclusion of an ICNET Christian satellite program. He now watches all of ICNET's Christian programs with his wife and children.

**Fatemeh**, is a housewife who cares for her three little children while her husband works. While flipping through channels on satellite TV, she came across ICNET. For the first time in her life, she heard the message of Jesus Christ broadcast in Farsi! She enthusiastically gave her heart to Jesus. Fatemeh now watches as many Christian programs as she can to strengthen her faith and grow in her love of the Lord.

Through ICNET, anxious and frightened Iranians received spiritual support from Christian communities outside of Iran, far from the evil grasp of Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic dictatorship!

**Just like my father, Haralan, penetrated communist countries through radio broadcasting, satellite TV is an invaluable tool in reaching the Muslim world with the Gospel of Christ.**

One of my father's favorite sayings was:

*"A Bible delivered into communist lands is like a bullet in the heart of Satan!"*

**This also holds true in Muslim lands.**

In countries like Iran, which is predominantly Muslim, it is crucial to equip new believers not only with good Christian programming but with Bibles as well. Every month, ICNET receives about 150 requests from Iran for Bibles.

Though these Muslim men and women are stuck behind closed walls and isolated from the world, they can be reached with Jesus' eternal message of hope, peace and love.

Will you join me to deliver crucial Christian programs into Muslim countries?

Will you join me in supplying Bibles in Iran to those reaching out for one?

As I write this letter to you, hundreds of thousands of Farsi speaking people are flipping through channels on their televisions, searching desperately to hear some good news. **Let's make sure that the Good News reaches them!**

Together in His Ministry,

YES PAUL,

*I want to reach the “unreachable” Muslims! I know, despite “closed doors,” the Word of God can pierce through the Islamic veil of countries like Iran.*

- ☐ Please use my gift where most needed.
- ☐ Use my gift for Christian satellite TV programs and Farsi Bibles into Iran.  
☐ \$50   ☐ \$200   ☐ \$500   ☐ \$1,000   ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I will pray that Christ's light will shine through the darkness of the Islamic authoritarian regime and that the Bibles will be successfully smuggled into Iran!



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