

SAT-7 TODAY

MAKING GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE

Celebrating Christmas in the Face of Persecution

How your generosity is encouraging believers in Iran!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION

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Making the Gospel available to everyone in the Middle East and North Africa

Your support makes it possible to reach people across the Middle East and North Africa

In the West, Christmas is a special time when most families gather and celebrate.

But for isolated SAT-7 viewers in the Middle East and North Africa, Christmas can be a time of fear and difficulty.

One SAT-7 PARS viewer from Iran named Niloofar shares how she and her family continue to celebrate Christmas even though they face the continued threat of persecution.

“My family and I used to gather with other believers in our home to celebrate the birth of our living God

who put on flesh,” she says. “It is now three years that we have been unable to celebrate in a way worthy of our glorious Lord. Instead, we only have a Christmas tree and celebrate as a family because, for three years now, we have been watched carefully.”

Facing persecution with faith

She continues with a sober but hopeful assessment of her situation.

“Several times they thought they could use persecution to draw us away from the glorious King, but amid the persecution, we drew closer to Jesus Christ.”

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Refusing to remain silent in the face of opposition, Niloofar and her son tell others about the hope they have found.

“My son tells others about Jesus, and I do too, to the extent that is possible. If I can, I get books to give to people.”

“We give thanks often ...”

She also offers a poignant reminder to those in the West who do not suffer persecution for their faith.

With an enthusiastic expression of encouragement, she continues. “We give

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thanks often, and I put the living God first in my life, and when the storms and difficulties come, I don't get worried. I know my God, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, is greater than the storm and the trouble in which I find myself, and He is there beside me.

“We pass through the storms together. I glory in that I am His child and an heir of our Heavenly Father.”

Your generosity made it possible to encourage Niloofar in the midst of persecution.

Inspiring insight into the birth of Jesus

Thank You (God) that You are shining Your light in our hearts!

SAT-7 programming is created not only to make the Gospel available but to strengthen and equip the Church.

One SAT-7 PARS viewer named Shirin powerfully expressed how she has been encouraged to understand her faith.

She writes, “As I was thinking about why it was that the Lord Jesus Christ had to be born in a stable and be placed in a manger, the Lord planted the answer in my heart. Because

a stable is dark and dirty like the hearts of human beings and Christ's light shines in such hearts to bring light and to purify us.”

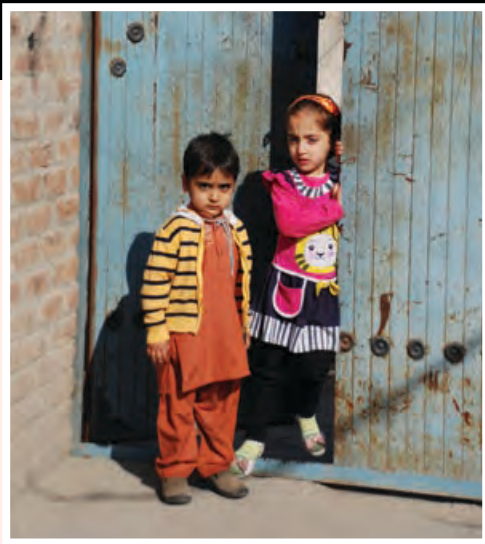
She continues, “Thank You (God) that You are shining Your light in our hearts and purifying us. Hallelujah!”

Thank you for making this testimony possible!

Your generosity plays a vital role in reaching people in place closed to the Gospel.



Christmas prayer from a child



SAT-7 KIDS PROVIDES HOPE TO CHILDREN ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA.

And young viewers like Marouk, who lives in Egypt, are an example of the love of believers across the region.

Recently, he shared a simple prayer for Christians around the world.

“We ask You, God, to watch over us and take good care of us at Christmas as we love You and give You our hearts as a gift.”

Through your prayers and faithful gifts, biblically-based programming is reaching Marouk. Your giving makes God’s love visible to children who need to hear the Gospel. Your generosity is an easy way to give hope

AFGHANISTAN UPDATE

Your generosity makes God’s love visible

SAT-7 not only provides biblically-based programming but is a lifeline for viewers in often desperate situations.

Recently, one viewer in Afghanistan shared, “You called me a while ago, but I am unable to carry a mobile phone because where I live is under Taliban control. Whenever you are thinking of calling me, please let me know in advance so that I can try to somehow answer your call. Thank you for getting in touch.”



DR. REX ROGERS



THANKFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Christmas comes each year with a message that shines amidst famine, sickness, poverty, wars, and rumors of war:

“Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord ... Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared ... saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests’” (Luke 2:11-14).

Whatever the crises of the Middle East and North Africa, this glorious message is SAT-7’s proclamation to a region filled with people in need of hope.

SAT-7 is blessed to point to the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6).

Dr. Rex M. Rogers
President, SAT-7 USA



HOW YOU CAN PRAY

Urgent plea from Afghanistan

“I came to Christ a year ago. And now, the Kabul situation is dreadful. Please help us! My daughter’s life and my life are both in danger. She is eight years old and has no one else except me.

“It was so difficult to find a phone to contact you (SAT-7). I would like to go to a place where going to church is free, and there is freedom so that my daughter and I can serve the Lord.”

— Jahan, a male viewer from Afghanistan.

Please pray that God will protect Jahan and his daughter and that He would use the volatile situation in Afghanistan to bring the hope of Christ to the nation.

Your fellow believer from Turkey sends you Christmas greetings!

MAZIAR HAS WORDS TO ENCOURAGE YOU

For 25 years, SAT-7 has celebrated Christian holidays with believers across the Middle East and North Africa. Though Christmas is approaching, amid continuing uncertainty, Maziar, who has been encouraged by SAT-7 TÜRK, wrote to remind us of the true reason to celebrate.

“Greetings to my dear family and blessings on the occasion of the birth of the Savior. I give thanks to God, Who entered our world so that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.

“Dear Lord Jesus, we are grateful to You for granting new life to all who turn to You in faith. We pray in Your holy name that those

who do not know You as their Lord and have not received Your salvation freely offered will give You their hearts. Amen.

“A merry Christmas to you – may you know God’s protection.”

Christmas matching grant DOUBLES your gift!

Please consider giving today so that Maziar, and others like him, will be strengthened in their faith and witness. And, because of a special Christmas matching grant, your gift will be doubled dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000.

Thank you for supporting the Church in the Middle East and North Africa.



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