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and amplify voices

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# ISOLATED BELIEVERS

Many believers in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) are enduring isolation. They have been silenced by their families, communities, or authorities. They cannot speak out praises or prayers to God in public, share their precious faith with loved ones, or proclaim the Good News in open gatherings.

SAT-7 highlights the challenges faced by the MENA's Isolated Believers ( ). In this edition of our INSIGHT magazine, you will read about the different ways in which their voices are repressed: legal penalties; ostracism and violence; restrictions on gatherings and church buildings; deportations, and exile.

But the mission of SAT-7 is to provide the churches and Christians of the MENA with an opportunity to witness to Jesus Christ through television and digital media. And many of these believers, in defiance of ceaseless attempts to silence them, are lifting up bold and brave voices, which it is our joy and privilege to amplify and augment.

In these pages, you will also find moving testimonies from Christians across the region who face daily violations of their freedom publicly to articulate their beliefs but who nevertheless persevere in their commitment to Christ. And you can read about how SAT-7 is bringing encouragement and hope to these faithful disciples and enabling them to speak out in Christ's name.

We serve a God whose very Word has become flesh to reveal Him to the world. It is a message of grace and truth to believers as they bear trials and sufferings for His sake. And it points forward to a day when the voices of all His people will be joined with the angels in an everlasting hymn of praise.

As you read this copy of INSIGHT, please remember in your prayers the Isolated Believers ( ) of the MENA, and rejoice with them in the coming of our Lord and theirs. And please rejoice with me and other free Christians in the Middle East that He has blessed us in so many ways and enabled us to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ through SAT-7.

Rita El-Mounayer  
SAT-7 CEO



# A SPACE TO SPEAK AND AMPLIFY VOICES

The freedom to express our Christian faith openly in words as well as actions is taken for granted by most believers in the West. Sermons, websites, blogs, and podcasts sustain our discipleship, and rarely does anyone stop us from sharing our Christian convictions and commitments. This freedom is enshrined in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which says that “Everyone has the right to... manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.” This includes the verbal articulation of one’s faith, whether spoken or written.

Yet many believers in the MENA do not have this right in practice. They are effectively silenced, denied any context in which to explain what they believe and why, and threatened with dire consequences for doing so. Their voices may be suppressed by their immediate or wider families, their communities or societies, and their local or national authorities.

**SAT-7 provides silenced Christians in the Arab, Persian, and Turkish worlds with an opportunity to declare their faith**

SAT-7 provides silenced Christians in the Arab, Persian, and Turkish worlds with an opportunity to declare their faith, whether in private to our Viewer Support Teams or publicly on our live programs. And recognizing that not everyone is free to contact us, we also speak when they cannot, as our teams of presenters – most of whom come from the region – broadcast Christian worship, teaching, and encouragement into homes across the MENA.

This *Insight* outlines some of the ways in which the voices of Christians in the MENA are ruthlessly silenced every day through law and intimidation, restriction and exclusion. But it also allows us to hear from some of them, who have shared their experiences with SAT-7, and shows how our satellite programs and social media series are giving a voice to the churches in the region. And it highlights one way in which you can help us to support them through your prayers.

### Forbidden voices

The most explicit means of silencing Christians are laws that prohibit certain forms of speech. Several MENA countries outlaw “blasphemy” or “proselytism”, which appear to include any form of verbal witness to Christ that might lead someone else to become a believer.

Christians in Iran who share their faith may be arrested, fined, and imprisoned, and can be deprived of their employment or their children’s education. Pressure on believers to deny Christ or pledge to desist from Christian activity has been intensified by recent amendments to the country’s penal code.

In Algeria, at least twelve Christians have been convicted on faith-related charges such as blasphemy and proselytism in the last five years and have been sentenced to up to five years’ imprisonment. Anything that would make people from the majority community question their faith, or is intended to introduce them to Jesus, is forbidden in the laws that control Christian worship.



A pastor leading worship outside a locked church building

### Free Souls

SAT-7 ARABIC’s program *Free Souls* gives a voice to new Christians in Algeria. The producers have filmed the testimonies of over 120 believers who share how they have encountered the Lord through dreams, visions, other believers, and Christian media such as SAT-7. Stories that would be difficult or impossible for them to share with friends or neighbors are thus made available on television or online to millions of people across the country, giving viewers hope that they too can experience freedom in Christ.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO WATCH A TESTIMONY FROM *FREE SOULS*

**“Thank God I am not the person I once was and I am not ashamed of the Gospel or the Lord’s name. The spirit of fear has been lifted from me and the Lord is making people around me aware of my faith. Most people I speak to are thirsty for the Lord and I am able to share my journey of salvation with them. I tell them about your programs and how your service helped me to receive the way of salvation and overcome my fears. May the Lord bless you. — Artin from Iran**

Damaged church in the Iraqi town of Qaraqosh



### Intimidated voices

Even where Christians are not forbidden by law from speaking for Christ, they may be discouraged from doing so by various forms of intimidation. In Egypt, for instance, although the Christian community does not suffer systematic attack, they sometimes experience violence from individuals or mobs. In April 2022 a church leader, Arsanious Wadid, was fatally stabbed on the seafront in Alexandria while leading a youth group outing. The attacks stir up feelings of insecurity, vulnerability, and even dissociation from society, all of which hinder public Christian witness.

Life is especially difficult for those from another faith community who have become believers. In Afghanistan, where anti-Christian hostility has increased since the Taliban takeover in 2021, new Christians are not only subject to severe legal reprisals, but will probably also be rejected by their families, and Christian women may be confined to the home, raped, or forced into marriage. In Saudi Arabia, although leaving the majority faith is punishable by death, only lesser sentences have been enforced in recent years, but the hostility of family and society to new believers leads to violence and occasional killings. Many Christians follow Jesus in secrecy – and silence – to avoid this intense pressure.

In Türkiye, members of religious minorities are regarded with deep suspicion by the majority community as a threat to national unity and security. Although in theory they are free to speak out, in reality the legal and bureaucratic obstacles that they face significantly limit their freedom to practice their faith.



The presenters of *Secret of Life*

### Dari-language programs

SAT-7's Persian-language channel SAT-7 PARS is responding to the growing need for spiritual support among the silenced believers in Afghanistan through its broadcasts in the local Dari language. For example, the live program *Secret of Life*, produced by the channel's partner Pamir Ministries, shares the Gospel message and offers hope and encouragement to Afghan Christians to stand firm in faith. It also brings their plight before viewers in the wider Persian world and encourages prayer on their behalf. Another live show, *Following Christ*, explains the foundations of Christianity to new believers, who otherwise might have no access to Scripture-based teaching.

**“The security situation for someone like me who has accepted another faith is extremely concerning... As Christians, we are exposed to security threats and must remain in hiding. We can't be freely active online, especially on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, because they are all monitored and controlled... There is an atmosphere of fear and intimidation that rules society. Every moment we live with the possibility of physical violence, arrest, humiliating and insulting treatment, and even summary executions. — Amin and Baset from Afghanistan**

### Stifled voices

Another way in which Christians in the MENA can be silenced is by restricting or denying their freedom to gather, often by limitations on their use of church buildings. In the last five years, the Algerian authorities have forcibly closed 20 Protestant churches and ordered several others to cease activities. If believers meet to share their faith or provide Christian teaching elsewhere than in an approved building, they are liable to prosecution, but the government provides them with no functioning legal framework for gaining such approval. The commission that grants permissions for worship to minority religious groups reportedly never meets, and no building has ever been licensed for this purpose.

Christians in Egypt face stricter regulations on the number and size of their buildings than people from the majority faith. Recently these have been eased, but anti-Christian sentiment still leads some local governors to withhold approval. In Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan, where any public Christian activities are banned, there are of course no church buildings at all, and believers who gather must do so only in private or in secret, while in Iran only congregations from the traditional churches have their own premises.

#### Kasr El Dobarra church

Every Friday, people from across the Middle East can watch live services from thriving evangelical church Kasr El Dobarra, based in Cairo. These weekly broadcasts give a very public voice to Egyptian Christians in a place where they are frequently silenced by legal restrictions and violence. The services also provide an amazing opportunity for isolated believers to join in worship and hear the Word of the Lord, especially for those in places where meeting together physically can be dangerous or where there are no churches. The services are broadcast on SAT-7's Arabic channel, and are also available via the on-demand streaming service, SAT-7 PLUS.



[CLICK HERE](#) TO SEE THE KASR EL DOBARA CHURCH AT WORSHIP

“I would like to thank you for all of your valuable work, and your concern for people’s needs. My husband and I served the Lord in a church, but it was closed and banned, along with several others. We are under pressure from the authorities; they are watching us and sometimes even make surprise visits to the house. I began to think a lot, and fear entered my heart about the future of my children. I feel that I have lost my sense of balance. I am easily agitated. So I need prayer and guidance. – Alya from Algeria

### Excluded voices

Another less widespread method used by MENA authorities to silence Christian voices is simply to remove Christians from the population. In the last five years, around 75 expatriate Christians who led or assisted Protestant churches have had their residency cancelled in Türkiye, or been deported or refused entry. Attempts to overturn the bans have so far been unsuccessful.



Gem Ercin, presenter of *Essence of the Gospel*

#### *Essence of the Gospel*

In a context where Christians are widely mistrusted and many believers are isolated, the churches of Türkiye need help to amplify their voices. The teaching program *Essence of the Gospel* shares the Good News of Jesus clearly and engagingly and explains how it can change the way we see the world. The show both enables non-Christians to hear the Christian message and encourages Christians in their faith by answering their questions. Many viewers testify that the channel’s programs are their only source of hope and of the knowledge that God never leaves us.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR A VIDEO ON *ESSENCE OF THE GOSPEL*

“Hello, I live in Ankara and I recently became a believer. When I explained this to my family after my decision, they completely cut off communication with me and said that they did not want to see me again. It is not shameful or illegal to say that you believe. All people who live by the peace, justice, and faithful words of Jesus Christ are at the Lord’s mercy. – Emre from Türkiye

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# ISOLATED BELIEVERS 7-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

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# A KINGDOM WITHOUT BORDERS

**We are delighted to publish this stimulating reflection from Brent Hamoud, who leads the Master of Religion Program at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon. Here he offers a Christian vision of God's world that looks beyond the artificial barriers raised by modern nation states.**

Borders have a way of treating people very differently. Some individuals pass through them easily on their way to new and exciting places, while others can never dream of crossing these concrete lines drawn on the ground. Political borders cut through territories and encircle every individual to create a world where human beings are not all equal, not all the same. The global reality is a rigid form of human division and a dilemma for biblical faith.

Our current global nation-state system was crystallized in the 20th century to make the world a more organized place, but is it a fitting place? Such ordering may gather humanity into meaningful political communities of rights, provisions, and protections, but nation-states have also created severe means of separating people in highly technical and consequential ways. Like millions of displaced Syrians, increasing numbers are finding themselves outside of their “appropriate” borders with no place to belong.

## **Winners and losers**

For the global minority enjoying privilege and prosperity within good states, the necessity and morality of borders seems justified. However, the world often fails to look upon the global majority stuck within unkind states. The plight of millions from Afghanistan to Lebanon to Iraq seeking to escape their borders goes unnoticed, as does the inability of many to access closed-off locations. Borders are too often insurmountable barriers for Christian outreach.

Christ's followers have every reason to scrutinize nation-state borders. The Kingdom of God is

supremely transnational and unencumbered by any politicized territorialism. Its Gospel is a universal proclamation that heavenly citizenship trumps all earthly affiliations. Biblical visions of the world must reach for something much higher than a collection of bounded populations and territories.

Unfortunately, Christians can be tempted into troubling theological impulses that view themselves and others through a lens of borders. Blanket presumptions circulate about how God wants certain people to remain in certain geographic locations, how churches can embody national identities, or how some nationalities hold special standing in God's divine plans.

Let us not fool ourselves: human divisions will never disappear this side of the new creation. A fallen world always manufactures barriers. Even so, we must wisely discern how our current world of borders is dividing humanity in unprecedented ways. Returning to Scripture can help us keep borders in their proper places.

## **Demolition job**

The Bible is a grand revelation of God's desire to break down walls between people. This is witnessed vividly in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and the Spirit-filled testimony of the early Church. The Acts of the Apostles proclaims the Holy Spirit's commitment to demolish human divides by gathering people into a newfound body of believers. The examples are telling:

- At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled disciples to speak in a multitude of languages, amazing “God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven” (2:4-6).
- The Spirit-filled community of believers bridged socioeconomic gaps by living “one in heart and mind” and sharing their possessions to meet everyone's needs (4:32-35).
- Leading apostles in Jerusalem reconfigured historical Jewish-Samaritan relations when people from Samaria accepted the Word of God. They

**Life in the Spirit has a way of problematizing national boundaries even while diligently working within them to magnify Christ and the kingdom.**



prayed for the new believers, the Holy Spirit was received, and preaching continued throughout Samaritan villages (8:9-25).

- The Holy Spirit worked through visions and friendship between Cornelius and Peter to realign the Gentile–Jew divide, thus ushering in a new paradigm for what it means to be the people of God (10 – 11).
- At a gathering of faith leaders in Jerusalem to discuss the plurality of people coming to Christ, Peter declared that God makes no distinction between Jews and Gentiles as evidenced by the giving of the Spirit to all (15).

Christ’s Gospel is not passive about human divisions. It compels us to critique our world by acknowledging borders for what they are: unspiritual. Life in the Spirit has a way of problematizing national boundaries even while diligently working within them to magnify Christ and the Kingdom. People of faith have a heritage

of loving their neighbors regardless of the national divides drawn around them.

Even as the world increases the weight of borders, new opportunities, such as SAT-7’s growing media and digital platforms, are allowing people to reach out globally and collaborate in diverse teams. Such engagement gives hopeful glimpses of a time and place where all human divisions will cease when “the old order of things has passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

Christ’s Gospel stirs anticipation for the passing of this old nation-state order, and any other worldly orders still to come. For now, a simple hymn can help us navigate these complexities in faithful ways:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the national borders of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace.*

# EXCLUDED FROM WORSHIP

Some of the testimonies received by our Viewer Support Teams provide vivid and startling windows into everyday life for believers in the MENA.

## Nava

In Iran the only Christians allowed to worship publicly are those from the traditional churches. They are forbidden by the authorities to allow believers from another faith background to worship with them.

Nava told us, “Yesterday, I went to a church for the Sunday service because I had been there once before as a guest of a friend. But they wouldn’t let us in. In the few minutes that I was there debating with the guards at the door, at least ten other women turned up hoping to get in, but we were told, ‘You are not Christians.’ I said that in my heart I had a strong belief in Christ, but still they didn’t let us in. Of course I understand, because the government has no doubt ordered them not to let non-Armenians attend church.

“One of the women asked if we could at least enter the garden of the church and get out of the heat, bearing in mind that it had taken over an hour to travel there. The doormen were polite and very apologetic and told us that they had no option but to turn us away.

“I said to them that I hope for a day when the door of God’s house is never closed to anyone and we will be able to experience the peace and light of the Lord.”

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# TESTIMONIES OF CHANGED LIVES

SAT-7's  
Viewer Support  
Teams held **26,038**  
conversations with  
viewers\*



We rejoice to see the many ways in which God is touching the hearts of our viewers through SAT-7's programs and dedicated Viewer Support Teams. Here are two stories that have especially moved us in recent months.

## Khaleel

Khaleel, aged 24, is a viewer of the SAT-7 ARABIC program *Free Souls*, which broadcasts the testimonies of North African believers. He called in to speak to a member of the channel's Viewer Support Team after being dismissed from his job.

As the conversation progressed, Khaleel said that he wanted to repent and have a relationship with God. The counselor urged him to keep seeking and assured him that God would answer his plea. They talked for a long time about God's love and redemption.

The team sent Khaleel some Christian literature, which he devoured enthusiastically; he came back to them with questions, wanting to learn more. Eventually he came to the point of commitment.



SAT-7's Arabic  
channels received  
**15,044** responses  
to a messaging  
campaign\*

"I have come to realize that Jesus is God's Word to save and redeem our lives from the punishment we deserve. He died for me to redeem me. I'd like to receive God's salvation and redemption and crown Him King and Lord over my life, and to enjoy a true relationship with Him," he said.

The counselor prayed with Khaleel, and he accepted Jesus as his savior. Then he prayed, "Jesus Christ, thank You for Your love. Thank You for coming for me to redeem and save me by Your cross. Please forgive all my sins and trespasses. I confess You lord and master over my life. I receive You into my heart to dwell in me and give me a heart that loves and worships You all the days of my life. Amen."

The counselor sent Khaleel a link to an online Bible and advised him to begin with the Gospel of John. Khaleel expressed his desire to learn how to pray as part of his new relationship with God, and they discussed how to come before God.



## Lale

Lale is a mother from Iran who watches *Our Neighborhood* on SAT-7 PARS, which is presented by Pastor Milton Danil and his wife Shemiran. This program offers support to people struggling with substance abuse and guidance for those who help them towards recovery. It has made a powerful impact on Lale, who contacted the channel to say:

"Greetings to you, dear ones; may the peace of Christ be upon you. Sister Shemiran and brother Milton, you are very special and dear to me. My dear friends, I ask for God's favor and blessings for your work, which is saving lives. I am thankful for you, for your prayers, and for your precious teaching on freedom from addiction, which comes from the heart of God and touches hearts."

Lale said that recently she had asked God, "Please don't let my son be lost; save him!" The next day, she heard God speak to her, and SAT-7 PARS then broadcast a poem with the same encouraging words.

Lale added, "I am so grateful to God for His grace and salvation. Everything we have from Him is so precious that it is difficult to express. We can never stop praising God who is the answer to all our needs."



SAT-7's Facebook videos  
had **2.8 million**  
views of more than  
30 seconds\*

## BINDING UP CHILDREN'S WOUNDS

SAT-7 KIDS is producing a new program for children called *Why is That?* (below) in partnership with the American Bible Society Life Focus and Outlook Media. This will help children in the MENA to cope with traumatic events from a biblical perspective. Using drama sketches and engaging conversations, the characters present various problems and help children understand what they are experiencing. They show them that they are loved and appreciated, and guide them with biblically grounded advice on how to navigate the pain and find the resolution they need to live a fulfilled life unmarred by distressed feelings.

SAT-7 KIDS has also produced its first animation movie! Based on audio material provided by Child Evangelism Fellowship, *Above the Clouds* features cartoon characters from various Arab countries, who learn new experiences and share their fears and hopes with each other.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO SEE THE PROMO FOR *ABOVE THE CLOUDS*



## EXPLORING THE PERSON OF CHRIST

*The Heritage – Christ the Eastern Man* is a new, pre-recorded program on SAT-7 ARABIC providing spiritual teaching for its viewers. As a minority group in the MENA, Christians are faced with many questions about their faith, from genuine enquiries to outright attacks. The program offers information that will support and supplement their knowledge of Christianity and deepen their understanding of it. In this way they will be equipped to give an answer to anyone who asks them the reason for the hope that they have (1 Peter 3:15). In particular, the program challenges false claims about the person of Jesus Christ and presents the truth about His life and teaching.

The channel has also produced a new film, *Toxic*, that sheds light on different types of violence in MENA societies. The main characters come from different cultures and places and have all been subjected to violence. A series of incidents brings them together in one place, and through the events of the film, they open up about their sufferings and search for a cure for their wounded feelings.



## RESPONDING TO CRISIS IN IRAN

As protests erupted across Iran in late September following the death of Mahsa Amini, SAT-7 PARS's live programs refocused to ensure timely and thoughtful responses. Presenters expressed their deep sorrow at the loss of life, shared messages of hope and support for women's rights, spoke God's Word into the crisis, and committed the people of Iran into the Lord's hands in prayer.

*New Identity* focused on "revival of the broken-hearted," addressing the trauma that people, especially women in Iran, were suffering in those days and how the Word of God addresses this. The presenters welcomed Rashin Soodmand (below left) as their guest; as the daughter of an Iranian Christian martyr, she experienced similar trauma at a young age and was able to share her story to help viewers.



*Insiders* covered the subject of the mandatory hijab and the resistance of women in Iran to it with two experts, a psychologist and a sociologist. "Throughout history, achieving freedom has always come at a cost," said Sally Momtazi, one of the presenters. "Our hope is that the Lord is with each one of us on this journey so that everyone can have the right to choose. This is the most basic of rights that a person can have."

[CLICK HERE](#) TO WATCH A VIDEO FROM THE PRESENTER OF *INSIDERS*

On *Sanctuary of the Heart*, pastors invited Iranian viewers to consider their responses to the unfolding events and expressed their sorrow for those who were suffering. They encouraged believers to prayer and endurance, and to show kindness to neighbors and friends and to those without hope. Pastor Sotoudeh prayed "that every Iranian will come to know that You are the God who desires to bring joy, peace, and life to the full."

## CONNECTING WITH YOUTH IN TÜRKIYE

This year, the SAT-7 TÜRK team participated in a Christian youth festival. *Yüz Yüze* ("Face to Face") is organized by churches in Türkiye every three years and was attended by more than three hundred young people, who worshipped and prayed together, attended seminars, and workshops, and discussed current issues related to youth. The team filmed the whole event and interviewed many participants, some of whom were already viewers of the channel. The festival was a great opportunity for SAT-7 TÜRK. Not only was the team able to spend quality time with the participants; they also collected interviews and footage for a documentary about the young people that will amplify their voices by sharing their individual stories.



[CLICK HERE](#) FOR A VIDEO OF THE FESTIVAL

SAT-7 TÜRK is also reaching out to a younger demographic through new programs on social media. These include *Who are we Talking to?*, an Instagram show that aims to empower women and help them be heard, and *Encouragement Hour*, a Bible teaching program broadcast on Facebook.

# CONVULSIONS IN IRAN

On September 16, Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian woman, was pronounced dead after being detained by the Iranian “morality police.” Protests erupted after her funeral, and at the time of this publication, they are continuing.

The security forces reacted with violence, killing hundreds of protestors and arresting thousands. But the cause captured the imagination of Iranian expatriates and others across the world and sparked supportive rallies in various countries.

As the government blocked the internet and imposed restrictions on the use of social media sites to hinder the spread of news and information among the demonstrators, SAT-7’s Persian-language channel SAT-7 PARS refocused its live programs to support Iranian viewers. The channel carried programs addressing events from a Christian perspective and offering counsel on how to respond (see page 13).

Despite the restrictions on digital media broadcasts and messaging apps, a good measure of contact was maintained with viewers inside the country. An episode of the Instagram series *Sanctuary of the Heart* (below) was aired on satellite and other digital platforms to maximize its viewership.

The channel’s Viewer Support Team also continued to send weekly messages, which include audio teaching, worship songs, and prayers, via WhatsApp.

Ashraf Khalipour, SAT-7 PARS’ Viewer Support Supervisor, commented, “Even if the messages are not all read now due to the restrictions, when they finally are, our viewers will know we have not abandoned them. When some do get through, the response we get is, ‘Thank you for thinking of us and continuing to pray for us.’”

## A NUMBER OF MOVING MESSAGES WERE RECEIVED:

“I weep as I write to you. We are strangers and prisoners in our own country. We suffer and the authorities are destroying the minds and spirits of our people. Please pray for this suffering to come to an end.

– Kamand, female viewer

“May the Lord hear the cry of mothers and fathers and may the people in our country know the peace of Christ. O God, help us be faithful in how we act in the name of Jesus.

– Iman, male viewer

Please continue to remember the people of Iran in your prayers, and especially the country’s Christian community, that they may remain faithful to the Lord in the midst of violence and instability.

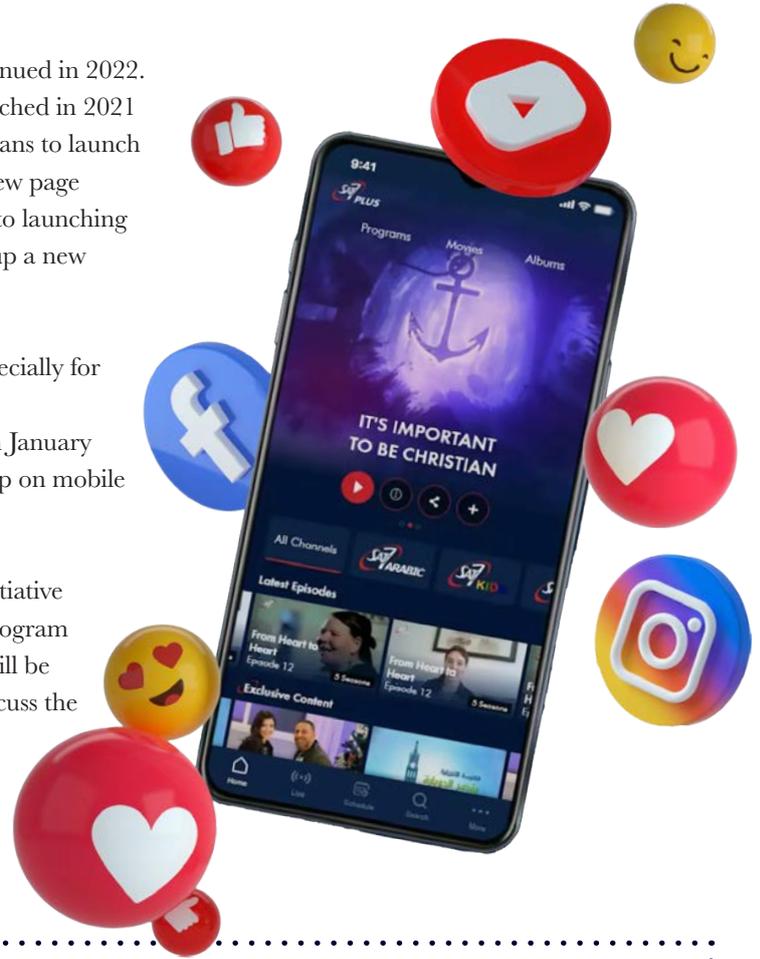


# GROWING DIGITAL CAPACITY

The expansion of the digital branch of SAT-7's ministry has continued in 2022. Campaigns on the specialized Arabic social media pages that launched in 2021 are successfully engaging new audience members. SAT-7 PARS plans to launch the same specialized social media pages in Persian, along with a new page especially for seekers called SAT-7 Hope. Meanwhile, in addition to launching several video series solely for social media, SAT-7 TÜRK has set up a new studio in central Istanbul especially for social media content.

Meanwhile, we are planning a flagship, multi-language drama especially for SAT-7 PLUS, our video-on-demand and livestreaming service! Videos on the platform were viewed around 85,000 times between January and September 2022. It is available on web browsers and as an app on mobile devices.

In November 2022, SAT-7 PARS launched a new social media initiative in the Dari language, Church4Afghanistan. This includes a live program presented by an Afghan assistant pastor living in Germany, who will be joined by different Afghan guests to explore biblical topics and discuss the current situation in Afghanistan. The program will be supported by various resources, including music videos and Bible verses. Church4Afghanistan will be aired on Facebook and Instagram.



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"Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
*and the mute tongue shout for joy.*

Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
*and streams in the desert."*

(Isaiah 35:6)

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