

LETTER from TURKEY

We would like to share something with you for prayer. We have been conducting a ministry for children every Saturday at our church. We are thankful to the Lord as many children are attending. Indeed, almost all of our neighbours allow their children to come to the church for the children's activities.

Some of these children were able to go to the KUCAK children's camp. However, many of the parents were afraid to send their children to the children's camp, simply because it was held in eastern Turkey.

We rejoice as God touched the lives of each of the children at camp to one degree or other. That being said, the children who could not attend the camp were deprived of this blessing. If it is the will of God, we would like to do something similar to the children's camp, for three days during the winter school break. For the summer camp, just past, many of the mothers really wanted to come to the camp with their children, but we were unable to take them. And so, the notion was born that at the same time as activities for the children, we could also provide a programme for their mothers.

Hence, we feel there is a natural opportunity to have seminars about raising children, family relations and women's health for the mothers whilst their children are engaged in their activities.

As we would do this locally, we would be able to invite all the children and their mothers from the Saturday children's ministry. We could also invite the children of other local churches to join us.

Please pray with us concerning this. Pray that we would know the mind of God. Our goal is to walk in step with Him. We do not want to convince our All-Knowing God of our plans but to join Him in what He is doing. The fact is, He loves these children far more than we do. May God bless you!

- **Pray for the Turkish children that they would understand God's love for them.**
- **Pray for SAT-7 TÜRK's special programs for children.**

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CHRIST'S CHURCH in AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan is one of the most dangerous countries in the world to be a Christian, second only to North Korea. All Afghan congregations must meet in secret at underground house churches, and if they are discovered, new believers are at risk of hostility, violence and even death. But despite this, Afghanistan has the second-fastest growing church in the world.

There is, without a doubt, a significant, identifiable work of God, such as never before, taking place among Afghans today. Continue to pray that the breakthroughs we are seeing increase until a full harvest is reaped.

Four decades of conflict in Afghanistan has led to massive displacement of Afghans across the surrounding sub-region. Iran alone has received around three million Afghan refugees.

Iranian Christians have sought out these Afghan refugees to care for them. The reason they are coming to Christ, as one Afghan put it, is because "Iranians never cared for us, but you (Iranians) have loved us. That is what attracted us to Christ."

Extraordinary results are being seen in Turkey as well, where Iranian refugees have reached out to the Afghan refugees. Some Afghan converts are now pastoring churches and leading many to Christ. One couple alone has led more than 100 people to Christ. Another influence in the move of God inside Afghanistan has been that many of these refugee converts are communicating with their relatives and friends at home. They tell them that they are following the wrong God, then lead them to Christ and disciple them from outside the country.

PRAY:

- **For this indigenous work of God taking place among the Afghan people.**
- **Let's rejoice in the growth of His church and pray for the believers to be protected, to grow in maturity, and to be effective in outreach to others.**
- **Thank God for the SAT-7 PARS programmes reaching the people of Afghanistan.**

SOURCE: <http://www.operationworld.org/country/afgh/owtext.html>



MEET OUR VIEWERS

Please pray for the following viewers while reading their messages:

From a viewer in Jordan

“I read the books you sent me. There are no churches, so what should I do next to learn more about Christ? Can you please send me in a message an example of a prayer to Jesus because I'm afraid that this call is being traced?”

From a viewer in Iran

“I have an upcoming court. If they unjustly accuse and imprison me, I won't come out alive. Please pray for justice.”

From a viewer in Sudan

“We suffer here as Christian families because we don't have many programs on TV related to families. Our prayers to God are to send us spiritual guides for our families, that teach us like your program, *From Heart to Heart*.”

From a viewer in Tajikistan

“A friend is being tormented by police for ministering to street girls who need to find God. Pray for her safety, health, finances, and fruitful ministry.”

One viewer called in and said:

“People keep talking about this man, Jesus. Do you know where I can meet Him?”

FROM ROBBER TO PASTOR

Poverty after his father's murder drove Rustam to robbery before a Damascus-style conversion brought him to Christ. Now a pastor who has served in both Tajikistan and Afghanistan, he recently recorded SAT-7's first discipleship series for Tajik viewers.

Growing up with 10 siblings in one of the poorest countries of the former Soviet Union meant that life for Rustam Begaliev was never very rosy. But when, at 14, his father was lethally poisoned, by someone who wanted his father's factory, things took a dramatic turn for the worse.

The tragedy spurred Rustam's decision to study medicine. But in 1990, Tajikistan was about to leave the crumbling Soviet Union and, like most of his countrymen, Rustam had no money. In desperation to fund his studies, he took to robbing people in the streets!

A turning point came when Rustam began attending classes run by a Korean instructor. The instructor was also a Korean missionary to Tajikistan and he started each session with a Bible reading.

“One day,” Rustam says, “the instructor said, ‘Jesus Christ is the risen Lord – He wants to have a personal relationship with you’.”

That night, Rustam awoke to find his bedroom bathed in light. He turned and saw a person clothed in white, who told him, “I am Jesus Christ, the risen Lord”.

Rustam was suddenly gripped by Jesus' holiness and his own sinfulness. Very afraid, he asked Jesus to forgive him. Jesus answered: “Do not be afraid. Serve me and spread my word in the whole world.”

Right away, Rustam started to assist the Korean missionary in his work while studying at a Moscow seminary.

In 2001, he began nine years of Christian service in Afghanistan. “I met many believers there who had come to Christ through watching SAT-7 and they were very strong in their faith,” Rustam explains.

After returning to Tajikistan in 2010, Rustam served first as an assistant pastor and then began the two congregations he pastors today.



MEET OUR VIEWERS

Please pray for the following viewers while reading their messages:

From a viewer in Afghanistan

“I was baptised and was going to an Iranian home church, but my family and I got deported to Afghanistan and I watch your channel. Please pray for my wife and oldest son so that they may learn more about Christ.”

From a viewer in Egypt

“I learned through your programs that I am acceptable in Jesus. I'm not a slave but God's child. He hears all my thoughts and even my whining. Pray God will use you to expand His kingdom.”

From a viewer in Morocco

“I'm twenty-three years old and not a Christian, but I follow your programs and would like to hear more about Jesus.”

From a viewer in Saudi Arabia

“Pray for my emigration papers. I long for the day when I can go to church and sing praise and pray with others in a holy place.”

Pray for all new Tajik and Afghan believers. Many face fierce opposition from their families. Pray for them to stay strong and grow in faith despite adversity.