

Accelerating The Great Commission

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*Satellite television bypasses mosques and Imams, penetrating every home in the heart of Islam.
Jesus came to save 1.7 billion people from their sins in the Islamic world.
When it comes to telling them that Jesus shed his blood
as a sacrifice for their sins, nothing beats
the firepower of satellite TV.*

A Personal Message from GCM Islamic Ministries Director, Hani

Dear Friend,

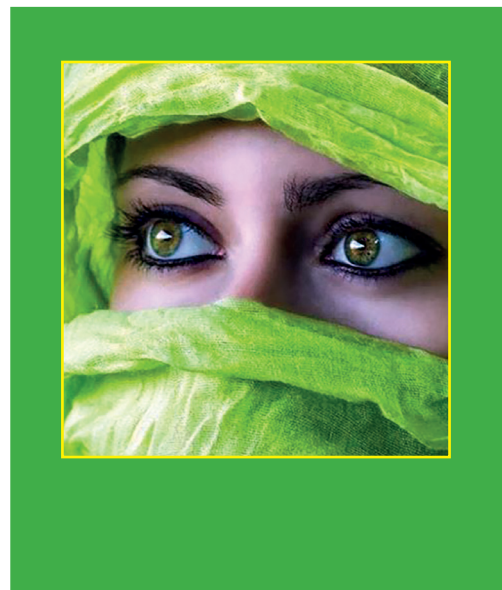
Our mission and calling is to reach as many Muslims as possible with the gospel message. Our goal is for them to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We strive to meet each person individually and to disciple each one as a follower of Jesus Christ. Everyone who receives Jesus is introduced to a fellowship or group of believers, or a church where possible.

I wish to thank you for praying for us and our teams as we minister in the heart of Islam. There is power in intercessory prayer.

Thank you for your financial support without which this ministry would not be possible. To date, millions under the yoke of Islam would never have known of the freedom that is in Jesus. Without partners like you, millions of others will never know.



**GCM Islamic Ministries, Director
Hani Henein**



**Preaching The Gospel To Millions From Morocco To Pakistan
Throughout North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia, Great Commission Media Ministries produces and telecasts the Gospel on 16 satellites in Arabic, Farsi, Somali, Sudanese Arabic and Amharic.
Research shows that over 100 million viewers watch these programs regularly.
GCOMM receives 200,000 responses to the Gospel every month.**

GCOMM Islamic Ministries Director, Hani:

Let me tell you the story of how some of our viewers have found Jesus. May they be a witness to power of the Gospel to transform lives and a witness to the Light of the world shining brightly in the darkness of Islam.

Ibrahim, Algeria

Ibrahim was a very conservative Muslim who respects his tradition and culture. One day, he was watching television. He came across a Gospel program and heard about peace, comfort and the love of God. He heard the name of Jesus Christ and wondered if He is truly the Way. **He started to watch our TV programs on a daily bases and realized that there is something missing in his life**, an emptiness that no one can fulfill. He tried to talk to a Muslim friend who advised him to ignore what he has been hearing. Ibrahim continued to hear more about Christ and found a way to call our follow-up team. A brother from the team met him and prayed with him. Ibrahim gave his life to Christ and has the desire to serve Him and to live for Him.

Khalid, Egypt

In his heart, Khalid had a strong distaste for Islam because of its many contradictions and the absence of a good example in his life. Even the prophet Muhammed himself was not the best example for humankind. **Khalid preferred to watch the programs on satellite TV. He felt that the programs touched his heart and that they were a voice from God** so he wanted to know more about salvation. He wrote down the phone number from the screen and contacted the follow-up team. Our team shared Christ's love and forgiveness with him. As a believer Khalid now is learning more about Jesus Christ.

Ahmed, North Africa

Ahmed accepted Christ as his Savior during one episode of our TV programs. He has been in contact with our follow-up team by phone. Since then he has been reading and **watching the programs and has come to know the truth**. He has been discipled through the programs as there are no churches to be found where he lives. He met with a brother from our follow-up team who gave him books, prayed with him. Now he is in touch with a Bible study group.



Omar from Algeria

Omar and his wife have three children. **They have been watching our programs for more than one year and have accepted Christ as their Savior.**

Omar and his wife don't go to church as they are afraid of being killed. They decided to call our follow-up team and a brother from the follow-up team visited the family. Omar shared that his family has been threatened by his brothers to remain silent, not sharing his faith. His wife has been also forbidden by her parents-in-law to leave the house.

Our follow-up staff gave Omar's family an audio Bible on a CD, which made them rejoice greatly. It was their first time to have a Bible of their own. However, not having a Bible hadn't stopped Omar and his wife from having a deeper understanding of God's Word as they have been watching our TV programs regularly and enthusiastically learning from it.

Fatima from Yemen

Fatima lives in Yemen, is a new Christian who had doubts about Islam from a very young age. **She had watched our TV programs and accepted Christ as her Savior.** Even though Fatima knows a little about Christianity, The Lord's peace and love overwhelmed her. She contacted our follow-up team and wanted to further grow in understanding and knowledge.



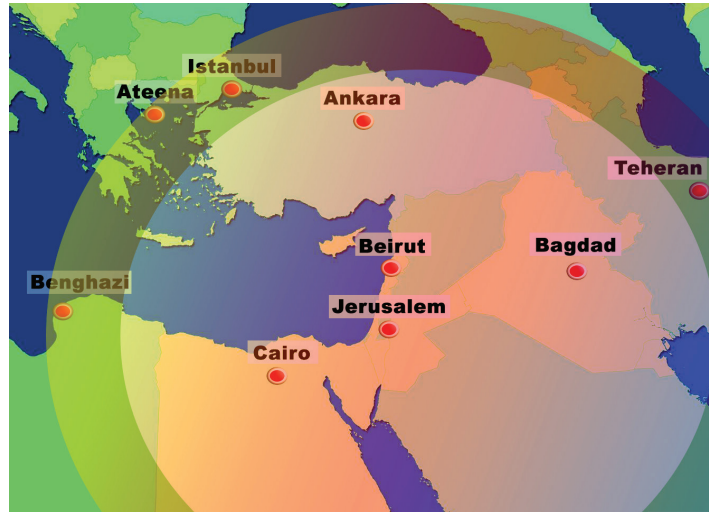
Yasin from Morocco

Yasin worked as an Imam at the Mosque, after graduating from the faculty of Islamic studies. During his study of Quran, Yasin found a list of contradictions, errors, absurdities and problems. Yet his thoughts and attention were inexplicably drawn to the verses and the hadiths of the Prophet Isa son of Maryam (Jesus). **Yasin began to watch TV programs to learn more about this Jesus.**

He called the follow-up team asking many questions and wanting to know the Truth. Our team addressed his questions and led him to accept Christ as his Savior.

Mohammad from Algeria

After a long day at work Mohammad decided to sit down to watch television. He came across a Christian program. Mohammad was touched by the preaching of the Word of God and was so impressed with the message. **He heard that he needed to repent of his sins and the need to put his faith in God,** which led him to make a decision to follow Christ.



Ahmad from Egypt

Ahmad, called us saying **that he has been watching our TV programs** for a long time. He called the follow-up team and heard about salvation, love, and forgiveness. Ahmad has decided to follow Jesus. Our staff prayed with him and agreed to meet for further fellowship.

Narjis from Morocco

Narjis decided to follow Christ a few years ago. She is so thankful to God for opening her eyes to the truth and enlightening her life. She is grateful to experience the love, freedom and the peace of Jesus.

Narjis, however, is going through hard times with her family. They are forcing her to pray, fast, read the Quran, and listen to Islamic teaching. She has been watched by her family and cannot meet with Christians. Narjis has the desire to be baptized and to continue her life with Jesus. **She has been in contact with our follow-up team** receiving prayer support, encouragement, and counseling.

Ammar from Algeria

Ammar accepted Christ as his Saviour and **has been watching the TV programs.** The Lord used the truth to change his heart's attitude. He contacted our follow-up team and thanked them for the channel saying, "I haven't been the same since I have started watching the programs, I surrendered my whole life to Jesus and I need to find a fellowship of believers."

Yasmin from Algeria

Yasmin used to stay at home and spend most of her time watching television. She did not mind following whatever program captured her attention.

One day she had a fight with her brother so she went to her room and coincidentally turned her television and began to watch out programs. The first words she heard were "Come to the Lord".

She began watching the channel daily and felt that the programs were talking to her personally. Her parents noticed her interest and attachment to the channel. Yasmin began talking to a Christian couple living nearby about Christ. They gave her a Bible and she began to read and felt God's consolation.

Eight months later she decided to give her life to Jesus and went to a church in order to be baptized. The church rejected her request because they did not know who she was.

Thus, Yasmin called the follow-up team and shared her story. She said, "I came to faith through your chan-



The GCM studio in Finland is set up for production of the next series of Farsi (Persian) programs.

nel. Please help me get baptized.” Yasmin was eager to be baptized before her parents found out about her faith and confine her to house arrest or kill her. The team continues to follow up and pray for her.

Mahmoud and Samar-Egypt

Mahmoud used to be a drug dealer while going to the mosque only on Fridays. After marrying Samar, he found out that she converted to Christianity, so he began to mistreat her. She came to know Jesus through the TV programs.

He tore apart her Bible several times and one day he decided to kill her and to hide her body afterwards, thinking that this would take off his shame. That night Jesus appeared to Mahmoud surrounded by a bright light and told him not to harm his wife.

Mahmoud was astonished and awakened Samar to tell her about his dream and what happened. He expressed his fear and regret when she told him about Jesus Christ who forgives sins.

After a period of studying and researching, Mahmoud accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized. Samar and Mahmoud called one of the follow-up team members through the phone number on the TV program. A brother from our team met them several times. He has been following up with Mahmoud through the phone.

Hafez, Middle East

Hafez, was a very devoted Muslim but watched our programs in order to find mistakes to attack Christians with. He used to call the follow-up team to ask about a variety of topics. However, after hearing the answers to his questions he would curse and threaten the team. One day, he called but kept calm as he listened to the team answering his questions. At the end of the call he asked for a copy of the Bible and the team sent him one.

Later he called the team and told them that he knew Peace on the very day he set his mind to look for the Truth, and that he wanted to become a Christian. He said: “I feel that I was changed from inside. I feel I became a new person at the moment I asked Christ to dwell in my heart.”

When Hafez, announced his new faith to his family, the whole family was outraged. They wanted him to convert back to Islam. Some even threatened to kill him.

Hafez suffered emotionally from his family and their threats, but he continues to be strong spiritually and holding tightly onto Jesus. The team has been following up with him and encouraging him to attend a group of believers in Jesus.

I hope you have been blessed by these personal stories from the Islamic world. Thank you for your much appreciated support.

Hannu Haukka

