

# A Father to the Fatherless



Fares lost his earthly father but gained his Heavenly Father instead

**Fares** lost his father when he was a little boy. Growing up he felt alone and unloved. Thanks to your financial support Fares has had the opportunity to make a choice, to begin his walk in the light of Christ. He's learned that through Jesus he can experience the love of his heavenly Father. He was extremely thirsty for the love that he now is experiencing in Jesus, thanks to you, after a lifetime of loneliness and neglect.

"After many years of grieving the loss of my father and living without him from a young age, my heart had become cold from the intensity of loneliness and feeling abandoned. My mother had remarried a year after I lost my father and I was very lonely.

Since I started to watch your programs, I have come to know my heavenly Father and I have started to clearly sense His love and the warmth of the light of hope in my heart. I can speak to Him anytime that I wish – in any place or at any moment I can speak with the Father. He listens to my words and talks to me. The Father has entered my life and has shown me love and kindness.

Last night, when I was watching programs on your channel, I joined sister Fatemeh in the prayer when she said, 'I will pray and you repeat after me so you can be guided from darkness into light'.

From that moment on, I felt a revolution inside me. When I went to bed and closed my eyes, Fatemeh's words kept coming to my mind, 'Put yourself in the arms of Jesus Christ. He will heal your wounds and lay His healing hands on your face. Talk to your Heavenly Father and he will share the message of love and kindness with you.'

The moment I prayed with sister Fatemeh I saw myself as a Christian and **I felt an amazing peace**. Even though I am facing a difficult problem in my life I sense a lightness and joy.

Please guide me to know what I must do to become a faithful Christian, bearing in mind that I cannot reveal my faith and there is no church or pastor here. What must I do? If someone leaves Islam here he is called an apostate and his punishment is death. Please guide me."

From the Executive Director  
- Dave Kenny



## Thank you for providing a Church... where there can be no Church.

When these incredible stories came across my desk, the thought that immediately came to mind was "Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore". The world that these dear brothers and sisters in Christ live in is as different to you and me as the land of Oz was to Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz.

Moments later a second thought came to my mind. Your gifts have provided these distant, but beloved ones, a church in a land where there can be no church...at least... not one like you and I would know.

Thank you for providing the gift of the Gospel. Thank you for providing the gift of the fellowship of the believers. Thank you for being the means by which God performed the miracle of salvation for each one of these new disciples.

Thank you for making this all possible. Your fervent prayer and regular financial support is transforming lives across the globe.

# Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted

Five years ago, Jalal responded to the Gospel through one of our programs using social media. Shortly thereafter, he stopped returning our messages. After four years of silence, we finally heard from him. Jalal shared with us his story of persecution for his faith. What he really needed was a way to worship and grow in Christ that was safe. Thanks to you, he is able to do that now.

Jalal first contacted our call centre in 2018, at which time he chatted with our team over several weeks through WhatsApp. He was presented with the full message of the gospel. Suddenly all attempts to reach him with phone calls and text messages were met with silence. Messages were opened, and read with no response.

Because of your support we were able to launch our secure online Arabic church. Knowing that this would now provide the safety that Jalal required, our contact team tried even harder to reach him.

In January of 2022, Jalal finally answered the phone only to say, "I'm fine but I can't talk now. Thank you."

Two weeks later, he texted and explained his long silence: "At one of the checkpoints called inspection gates in my city, my mobile device was taken from me and searched. Suddenly, I found myself being beaten and they arrested me. They saw Bible verses and my chat with you on the phone. I was imprisoned for two weeks. My family intervened and I was released. This is why I couldn't talk to you, but Christ was with me in my trials and I endured through His support."

Our contact centre agent couldn't miss this moment. They called Jalal and he prayed with us, officially accepting Christ into his heart! The lead pastor of our online church connected with Jalal. He is now receiving discipleship and taking part in our weekly secure online church services.

Without your support, neither our contact centre nor our secure online service would be possible. Thank you for providing the relief that Jalal so desperately needed in these trying circumstances.



Thanks to you, Jalal's persecution has only made his faith stronger

# Hate Transformed

Marzieh, a long-suffering victim of generational domestic abuse, had nothing but hatred for her father and the father of her children. It was eating away at her from the inside. Thanks to you she was able to personally experience forgiveness. But it didn't stop with her. So touched by this transformation, she shared it with her daughter as well. Together, they seek to break this generational cycle of abuse.

## Your support made all the difference.

"My father was a drug addict and at age 15 I left his home and married a man who as it turned out was also addicted to drugs. I was 18 when I had my first child and then God gave us two daughters in quick succession. But every day I was subjected to more and more torment by my husband."

"I am at a point where I can no longer endure this man's torments. I hate him and even the children curse him. If you know a solution to our situation, tell me so that we can be saved from this predicament."

When Marzieh reached out to our follow up team, they spoke about hatred and enmity and the barrier of sin between God and each of us which has caused the breakdown of our relationships with God and one another.

Marzieh was listening throughout, and it was clear that it was like water being poured down on parched ground. As we continued speaking it became clear that the thing she valued and wanted to receive

the most was salvation.

We spoke to her about the need for forgiveness and to reject all hating and cursing and invited her to repentance. She desperately wanted to be free of this pain and decided that day to pray for repentance and salvation.

"Since I gave my heart to Jesus I sense that I have been cleansed from my sin, like a new-born baby, and the pain has gone. I don't know what has happened, but there is no sign of the intense inner pain that I have been experiencing. My daughter has taken your telephone number to get in touch and speak with you, so that she too can benefit and be transformed by the advice you give."

Like a mustard seed, your gift of the Gospel was planted into Marzieh's heart, and like yeast, it grew so fast that there was no room left for hatred and enmity.

Hallelujah!

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No longer a captive of hatred, Marzieh has been empowered to forgive

# For Only \$35

You Can Give **1,000 People** living in the Middle East the gift of a church - in a land where there can be no church

Nargess' story is all too common. She is a Christian from Afghanistan who lives with great fear. The fear of her Muslim husband who hates her love for Jesus. As great as the fear is for herself, it is even greater for her children. But you can provide her with what she needs.

## You can provide her a way to give her children access to the Gospel.

This is her story:

"I happened to see your program on television because my kids watch your channel. My sister and I live in Afghanistan and we really enjoyed your program today and as we watched we wished that one day we too will be able to be among believers, able to go to church and to be free to teach our children how to pray. This is our wish.

Please don't broadcast my voice on television because we can't tell people about our faith where we live and we can't tell them that we are following the only true path.

Please pray for our daughters that, unlike us, they will be free to pray without the fear of their husbands. **Living among Muslims we are isolated**, as though we are diseased and all we can do is to look up to Him for help.

Please pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will help



Nargess' husband hates her love for Jesus. You can provide the gift of the Gospel to her and a 1,000 others by giving \$35 today.

our children so that one day they will be among other believers worshipping Him, which we have been unable to do. We will be very happy to know you are praying for our children."

Your gift of only \$35 will provide 1,000 people with a year's worth of Gospel centred programming in their heart language, along with access to a secure online church community.

God doesn't want any of His children to be alone. In addition to producing a full year's worth of Gospel centred television programming, **Your gift today of \$35** will provide 1000 muslim background believers like Nargess, Mersieh, and their daughters with what they need most...a church where there can be no church.

**YES, Dave!** I will provide a church in a land where there can be no church!

### Here is my gift, to do my part, in seeing the Kingdom of God erupt through satellite TV:

- ☐ \$35 will reach over 1000 people with the Gospel
- ☐ \$105 will reach over 3000 people with the Gospel
- ☐ \$350 will reach over 10,000 people with the Gospel
- ☐ I'd like to send \$\_\_\_\_\_ to reach as many people as I can

