

A Visit with Mrs. G

Bible Stories Alive for All the World

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Muslims Turning to Christ in Iran

The church in Iran has become the fastest growing in the world.”¹ Of all the Muslims in the Middle East, those in Iran have become the most open to the gospel.

Muslims are becoming Christians not drip by drip, but in floods. They are now called **Muslim-Background Believers** (MBBs). Today, there are hundreds of thousands in Iran; some say, up to one million – in spite of persecution.

These believers meet in secret as the early Christians did. Dotted all over Iran today are myriads of small groups of MBBs meeting in private homes or in remote places to avoid arrest. The punishment could be imprisonment and worse. Yet Muslims are turning from Islam to worship the one true God and put their trust in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.

There are several reasons for this floodtide. One of them is the power of God’s written Word. Here is an example, cited in the article I read online.

Reza was a mullah (a Muslim scholar) who hoped to become an ayatollah (a Shiite leader). One day, while studying at an Islamic seminary in Iran, he found a New Testament that had been boldly left in the library. Out of curiosity, he picked it up and was deeply shaken. Over time, he fell in love with Jesus. Today Reza is a trained church planter serving in the Iran region.



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These new believers want to bring their children up to know the Bible and so to trust and follow the Lord Jesus. They can only do this in the secrecy of their own homes.

The first step is to tell children the stories of the Bible. But many MBB parents are new believers and they need help. And Bible Stories Alive has been asked to help.

Clearly, one way to bring Bible stories to children and young people in areas of persecution is through radio and the Internet. The picture above symbolizes our ultimate goal – to edit all the Bible Stories Alive for translation into other languages and place them on the Internet. This will enable Christian families and others in the Middle East and worldwide to access and enjoy them through today’s technology.

Thank you for praying and helping us to do this.
A blessed Christmas to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald Griffiths".

Gerald Griffiths, President

¹ Howard, M. (2016, July 30). The Story of Iran’s Church in Two Sentences. Retrieved from <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-story-of-the-irans-church-in-two-sentences/>

Updates

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Swahili. The weekly broadcast of A Visit with Mrs. G in Swahili has started. It is an all-African production, translated and produced in Nairobi, Kenya, and voiced by an African Mrs. G, with African background music.

The text of the stories will be the edited version of Bible Stories Alive (BSA). One reason for editing BSA is to make them easier to transpose into other cultures, so that they sound more local than a translation of a North American or British presentation.

This is a beginning. Radio could reach a possible 100 million listeners in East Africa. It will soon be placed on the Internet (TWR360.org).

Arabic. The translator is working on the 7th book of BSA and the storyteller is recording the 6th book. The stories will be distributed by radio and on the Internet. Egypt has 10 million Christians. Churches and families need Bible stories for their children and young people. It's hard to tell how many Christians are in Syria and Iraq. Muslims all over the Middle East can listen to Christian radio and to

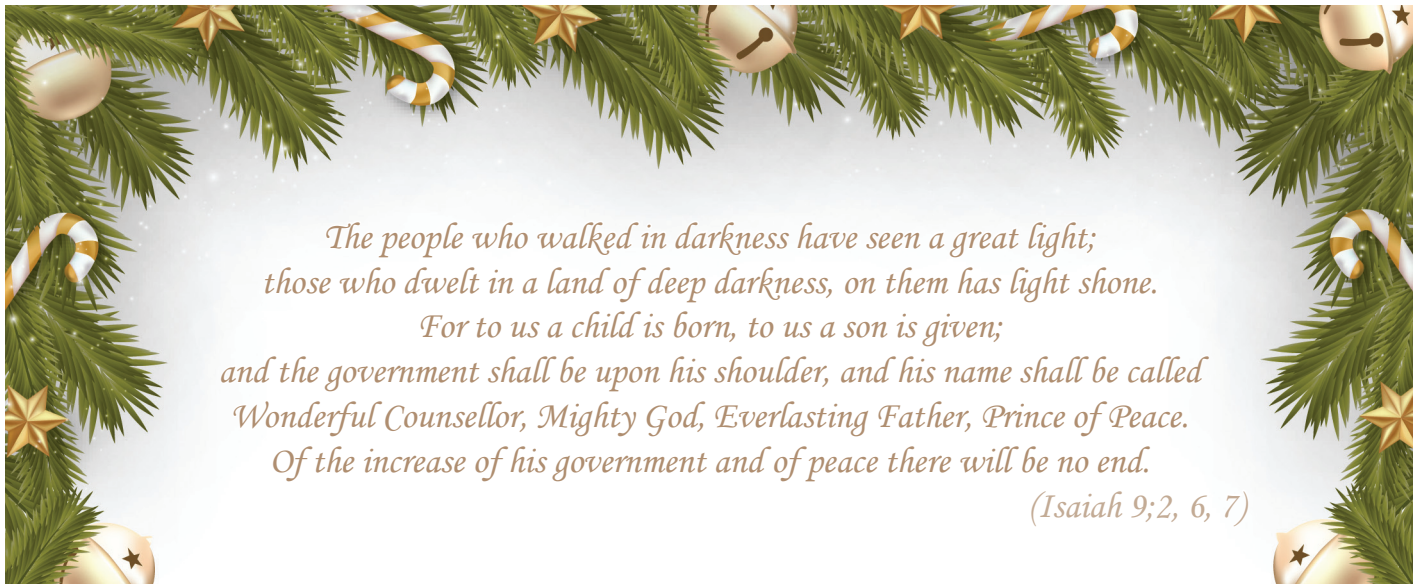
Christian programs on the Internet.

Mandarin. Eleven books of BSA in eBook and audio book formats are available on abstory.org. They are now being used by Sunday school teachers in China. The China team is now working on the 12th book.

Spanish. The 4th book of BSA is being translated. The 1st book has been completed for South, Central and North America.

Persian. Four BSA books have been completed. Three more books have been translated. (See page 1.) Please pray for the project co-ordinator and especially for his wife, who though so ill continues to live for this project.

English. Thirteen programs of A Visit with Mrs. G are on TWR360.org on a rotating schedule. Every Saturday a new program appears. Feedback has been very positive, and a lot of programs have been downloaded by site visitors.



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