

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Tehran, Iran, with a dense urban landscape of multi-story buildings. In the background, a range of large, arid mountains is visible under a clear sky. The image is used as a background for a report cover.

# *Transform*

Bringing the love and power  
of Christ to Iran — *and beyond*

Impact Report 2024

'And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others'. 2 Timothy 2:2

We dream of the day when every Iranian man, woman and child will know the love of Christ and the transformative power of the gospel will penetrate, redeem and renew all aspects of society across the nation of Iran.

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### Dear Friends of Transform Iran

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

2024 brought a significant test of endurance. By God's grace we completed the lap. But the race is not yet over and we are full of energy and a determination to finish it well!



Without Father's favor, protection and provision, fueled by your prayers and encouragement, it would have been impossible to have arrived at this point. **Thank you** for your vision and for your faithfulness. We are indeed co-laborers in this great harvest and we gather it in together with joy and the blessing of partnership.

2024 will be remembered for the horrific devastation of war and destruction. So many countless lives cruelly wasted, towns destroyed, millions displaced and millions more hopes shattered. Satan did his best to steal, kill and destroy. It would have been utterly depressing if we had finished the story here, but I hear the powerful, sweet, life-giving, hope-building, transforming words of Jesus! ***"I have come to give you life and life abundantly"*** John 10:10.

That life, that sweet abundant, contagious life has been our daily testimony throughout 2024.

Millions of Iranians are hearing the gospel through every conceivable digital means and responding with a resounding YES. No amount of social unrest or political turmoil can hold them back. If anything, the uncertainty; the poverty and economic chaos; and the constant threat of war are driving people onto the solid rock of Jesus Christ!

This is not a mere harvest. This is the transformation of the destiny of an entire nation. As sin abounds, God's grace manifestly and abundantly pours out on hungry and thirsty souls.

Together with the entire ministry team of Transform Iran, I feel humbled, privileged, extremely thankful and full of rejoicing, to have been given this incredible heavenly mandate, to gather the harvest together with Jesus. He is building His Church in Iran and the gates of hell will never prevail. **Jesus is unstoppable in Iran and His mercies for Iran exceeds all our expectations.** We are simply prayerfully watching Him at work and following His footsteps.

Last year we increased our focus on praying, thinking and strategizing for a post-Islamic Iran. What will the landscape look like and what will the needs be? A change is inevitable; the key question is, what do we need to do to be prepared on the ground when it comes?

I believe 2025 will be a year like no other in the history of Iran. We need to pray, partner, plan, and prepare. We need to engage in all these actions, with an accelerated pace, and a great sense of immediacy and urgency. Vigilant prayer is critical so the harvest is not stolen by the enemy. We lift Jesus' names up in our unity, trust and praise. We shall see the salvation of our nation, as a sign of hope for all nations.

Your co-worker in Christ



**LAZARUS YEGHNAZAR**  
Founder and President of Transform Iran



“Your dedication to spreading the gospel to Iranians is truly inspiring. I truly felt that the work Transform Iran is doing is the best answer to healing that nation from the inside.”

PARTNER





## Who We Are

We are a united family of visionaries, focused on our mission to Iran, led by the authority of God's Word and committed to excellence and integrity in all that we do. We value people, passion, purpose and purity.

Our large team of full time, part time and volunteer staff is mostly comprised of indigenous believers (many of whom are MBBs — Muslim Background Believers) and enriched by co-laborers from non-Iranian backgrounds; British, Dutch, German, Finnish, American, Indian, Pakistani and Armenian friends who have joined us in the mission to transform Iran.

We're profoundly humbled by the partnership of a global community of strategic partners, supporters, fundraisers, influencers and prayer warriors without whom we would be unable to realize this dream of a transformed Iran.

*"Our long-term partnership with Transform Iran has been a great blessing to us at Biblica. Transform Iran are uniquely positioned to not only ensure that the people of Iran hear the Word of God, but that they also receive it, understand it and have every opportunity to be discipled and launched into fruitful ministry. This is thanks to their extensive network and connected approach to discipleship, leadership development and church planting. It is our joy and privilege to partner with them in realizing the dream of a transformed Iran."*

**GEOF MORIN, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF BIBLICA**



*"Lazarus Yeghnazar, the President of Transform Iran, and his world class team, are the most networked force throughout the Middle East. Transform Iran is on the leading edge of evangelism, discipleship, leadership training and church planting for direct compounding impact for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. We are privileged to partner with him and his dynamic team."*

**JAMES O. DAVIS, FOUNDER OF CUTTING EDGE INTERNATIONAL,  
CO-FOUNDER OF BILLION SOUL NETWORK, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT  
OF GLOBAL CHURCH NETWORK**








## Our Mission

We preach the gospel to all Iranians, plant churches, disciple believers, develop leaders, and resource and activate the body of Christ into nation-transforming mission.

We believe in the life-changing, landscape-shifting power of the gospel. Our churches are built on the authority of God's Word and actively engaged in mission to Iran.





All our activity is centered around the three core themes of

# Evangelism


Bringing the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ to Iranians in and out of Iran through television, radio, social media and outreach missions

# Discipleship

Strengthening believers, developing leaders and growing the Church through Bible-based initiatives and resources

# Transformation

Implementing strategic projects that will bring lasting transformative change throughout every aspect of Iran's society from the elite to the destitute



## The Story So Far

# Millions

exposed to the gospel

# 100,000

new followers of Christ

# Thousands

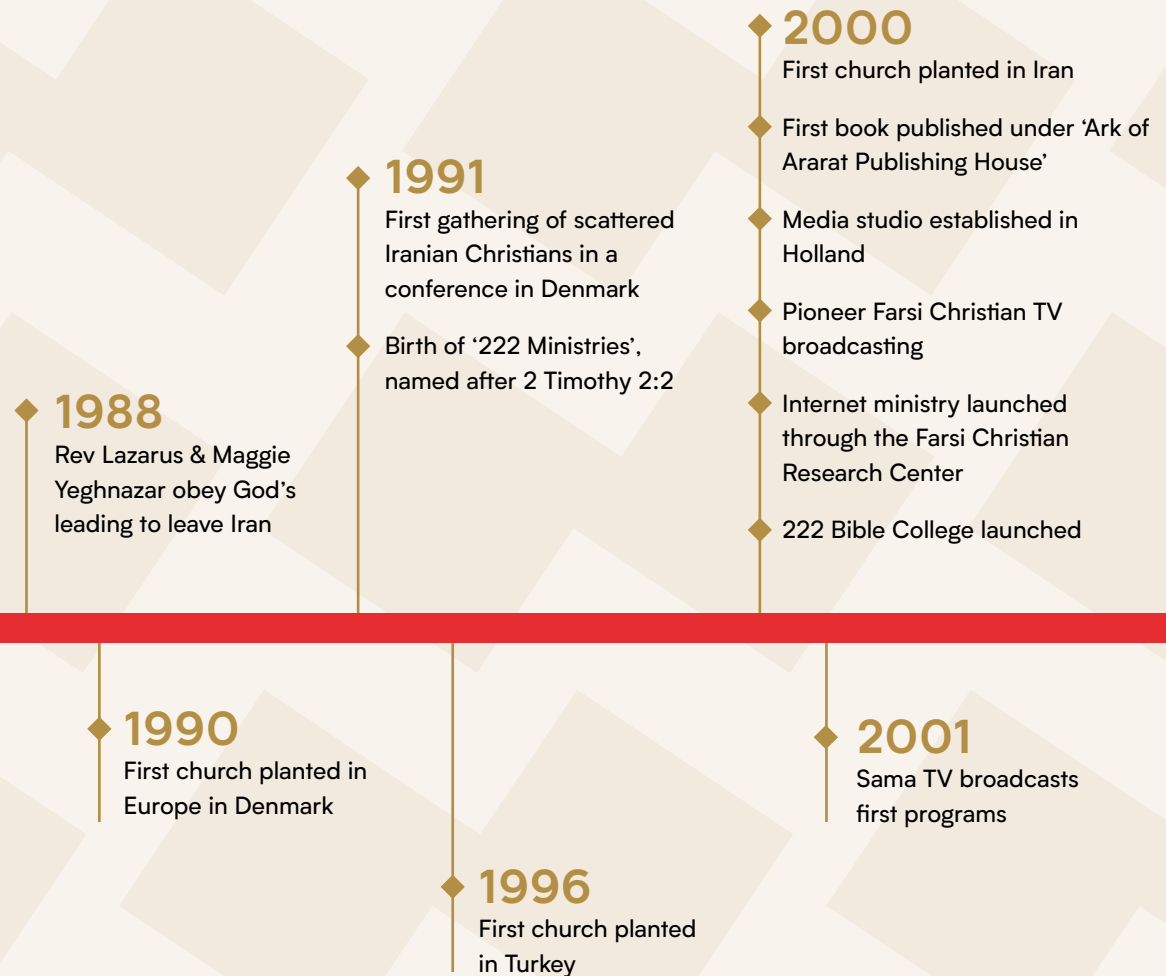
of new servant leaders

# Hundreds

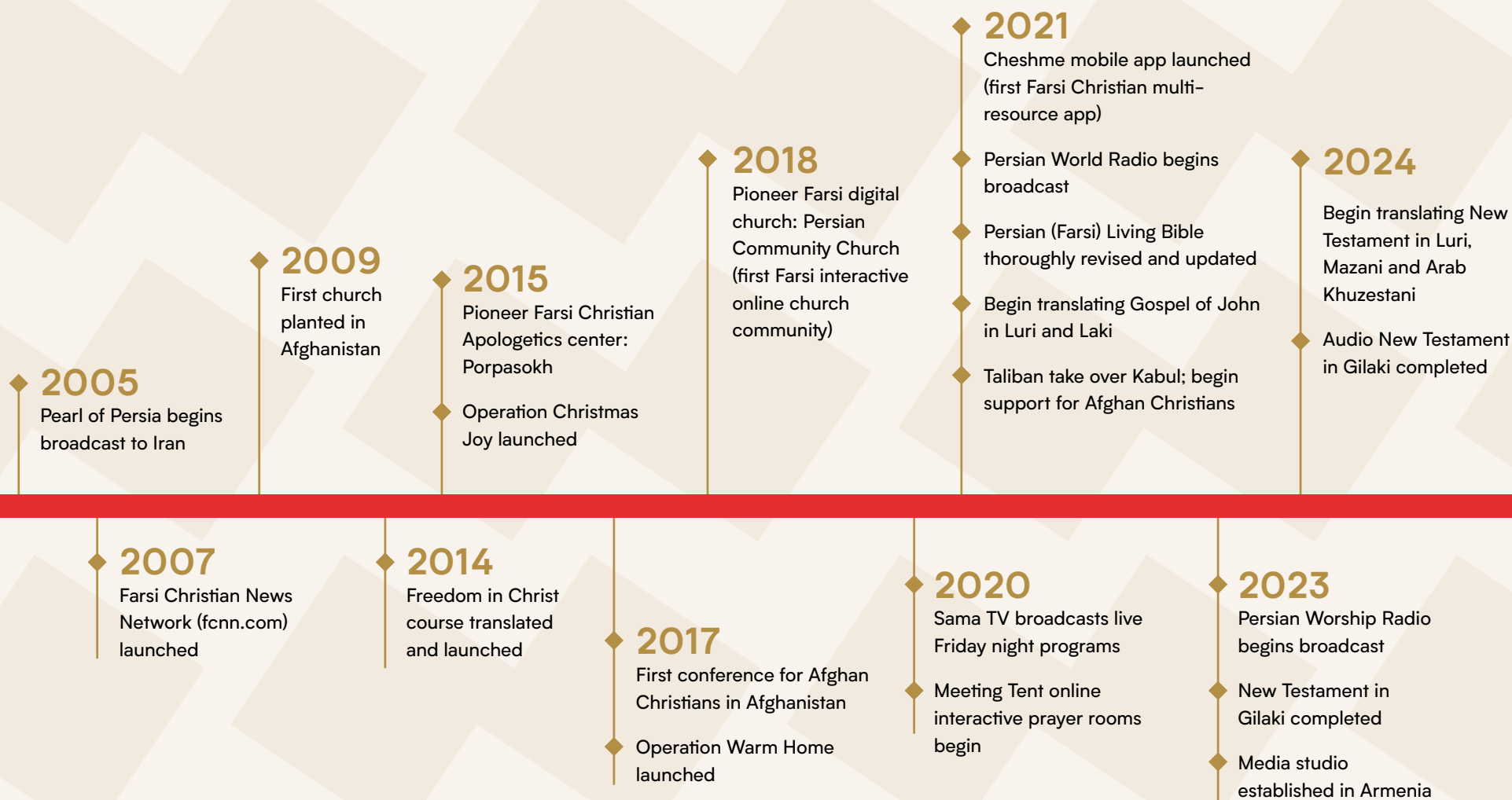
of new churches planted

Transform Iran started in 1991, following the call of God on Iranian pastors Maggie and Lazarus Yeghnazar. Since then, more than 100,000 have become followers of Christ, and thousands of servant leaders developed.

God's call to Lazarus and Maggie: "The Church in Iran is soon to be driven underground. But one day Iran will be open to the gospel. Your mission is to help the Iranian Church, particularly Christians in the Diaspora, prepare for this opening and the harvest it will bring. Raise leaders who can pass on the baton and raise others. Prepare the workers. Get the people ready!"







READ THE FULL STORY HERE:

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# The Power of the Heart Language:

## Grace's Story

Grace (name changed) belongs to one of Iran's unreached ethnic minorities.

She was forced to marry at 14. Not long into her marriage, her husband began relations with other women. She began to pray to Allah to heal her marriage. She did not get an answer. Her marriage continued to break down. When she tried speaking to her husband about their relationship, he beat her with a belt. Her pleas were met with silence.

In her own words, "I was not respected; I was nameless because I am a woman."

There was no one to share her anguish with. Finally knowing the only hope for her and her two children was out of this marriage, she asked for a divorce. Her husband agreed. Her family completely cut her off. Now her greatest battle became poverty. There were days when the three of them had nothing to eat. She scraped for even the most menial jobs to make ends meet.

Years later, Grace met and married Barad. A kind man who loved her and agreed to be a father to her children. Her life started to change. Not long after that Barad was recruited to help translate the Bible into their heart language. Despite their Muslim faith, Barad was keen to make this significant literary contribution to his people group.

Grace was excluded from all these conversations. It was dangerous work. Her husband would take his laptop, go into another room and lock the door while he dialed in to the calls and discussed the translation with the team. When she objected, he told her only those in the committee could be in the meeting. But she was desperate to be a part of it. During the translation, Grace would sit in the hallway and overhear them trying to translate certain words. She would shout the correct translation back to them.

Just hearing the name of Jesus Christ touched Grace's heart and made her feel at ease. Her hunger increased. She wanted to know who this Jesus Christ is. Eventually she was allowed to join the team. Through the translation process both Barad and Grace came to know Jesus and decided to follow Him.

"The Word of God is love, friendship and peace. We want to translate this love into our language."

Now Grace goes to the park twice a day to share what she has received with others. **In less than one year, she has shared the gospel with 600 others in her community and 80 have turned to Christ.**

Iran is dangerous for Christians, but Grace adds, "Because of Jesus, I am no longer nameless. And I am not afraid of anything."

Your investment in Transform Iran enables us to reach the unreached and often forgotten communities of Iran. Through our efforts in Bible translation, we are able to present the gospel to them in their own heart language and disciple them when they choose to follow Christ.

As they begin to minister to others, we resource and equip them, enabling them to reach dozens and hundreds more with the message that saved them.

Thank you for helping multiply their impact and for partnering with us in reaching the nation with the love and power of Jesus Christ.

## Why Iran?

Once the seat of the great Persian Empire, Iran continues to play a significant role on a global scale. Physically she occupies a strategically important location with coasts of the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and the Caspian Sea, as well as the land between the Middle East and Central and South Asia. With her oil reserves and large energy industry (Iran holds some of the world's largest deposits of proved oil and natural gas reserves: world's fourth-largest holder of proven crude oil and second-largest natural gas reserve), influential military force, as well as significant religious influence in the world of Islam, Iran is considered one of the leading geopolitical powers of Western Asia.



### IRAN AT A GLANCE



Population:  
**89 million**



People groups:  
**78+**



Languages:  
**39+**

(~55% do not speak Farsi at home)



National language:  
**Farsi/Persian**



Capital:  
**Tehran**



Religion:  
**Shiite Islam**



Christians:  
**1–1.5 million**

*"In one sense it is very easy to serve in Iran because as soon as they see the light of Christ and the love expressed through us, they fall in love with the source of love and light which is Jesus Christ, because the disparity between the darkness and light is so that even a blind person can see it."*

**HOUSE CHURCH PASTOR IN IRAN**





The Iranian revolution of 1979 established a hardline Islamic regime; Christians faced increasing opposition and persecution: all missionaries were forcibly removed, evangelism was outlawed, Bibles in Persian were banned (it is illegal to own, print, import or distribute Bibles) and soon became scarce, and several pastors were martyred. In 2024, Open Doors ranked Iran as #9 most dangerous country for Christians.

Against this backdrop, the Iranian Church has become the fastest growing in the world and is influencing the region for Christ. More Iranians have become Christians in the last 45 years than in the previous 13 centuries put together since Islam came to Iran. In 1979, there were an estimated 500 Christians from a Muslim background in Iran and now, there are more than a million Iranian followers of Jesus.

**THE PROBLEM:** Hopelessness, lack of freedom, poverty, trauma. The people of Iran endure physical and emotional hardship and political control. Many millions have not yet heard the gospel.

**THE SOLUTION:** Freedom both in the natural and the spiritual. Ultimately, we believe the solution is the saving, loving, freeing love of Jesus Christ to penetrate all ranks of society and redeem our nation top to bottom. Everything we do, whether planting churches, discipling believers or broadcasting satellite programs... all of it exists to reach every man, woman and child in Iran with the love of Christ, and through that love, see a whole nation transformed.

**BIBLE POVERTY:** 23+million with no Bible in heart/primary language

**ILLITERACY:** 8–11%

(no reliable statistics; in 2023 the head of Iran's Literacy Movement Organization, stated 7.4 million age 6+ are "absolute illiterate", the former Minister of Education has said it is closer to 9 million)

**PROSTITUTION:** 1+ million women (and girls) trapped

**CHILD LABOR:** 700,000 child workers, including more than 100,000 street children

(no reliable statistics; in 2024, Reza Shafakhah of the human rights working group of the National Union of Bar Associations said there were 3 million working children in Iran)

**UNDERAGE MARRIAGE:** legal age for marriage is 13 for girls, 15 for boys

(legal age does not require parental consent; no minimum age with parental consent; marriages have been registered for girls as young as five; according to Iran Open Data, 1/5 marriages involve minors)

**ADDICTION:** 4.4 million addicted to drugs; one of the world's highest addiction rates

(according to WHO Iran has the highest rate of opium abusers in the world, with opium use at three times the global average; about 2 million people — 2.2% of population — use illicit drugs daily)

**DEPRESSION:** 18–22 million (20–25% of population) suffer mental health or development disorders, esp depression and anxiety disorder

(in reality likely much higher; no recent/reliable studies)

**SUICIDE:** 19 per day, ~70k deaths per year (7.8% of population), mostly young people

(does not include attempted suicides; in 2024, 130,000 suicide attempts were officially recorded by the Ministry of Health — 356 per day; according to Gholam Abbas Torki, Ass. Prosecutor for Public Law and Crime Prevention in Iran, suicide is now the third leading cause of death amongst Iranians aged 15–24)

**EXECUTIONS:** second highest rate in the world; 883+ executed in 2024

(18.3% increase on previous year; equates to one in every 102k people; some sources estimate more than 1,000 executions)

**REFUGEES:** 3.8 million

(making Iran host to the largest refugee population in the world; Turkey is second with 3.3 million)

**POVERTY:** 40–60% of population below poverty line

(in 2024, Khabar Online reported 60%+ below the poverty line; in 2023 Iran's Ministry of Welfare reported 40% in absolute poverty)

**YOUTH:** 50% under the age of 35



# How Will We Change the Story of a Nation?

## 1/ Effective Evangelism

We share the gospel in a way that can be easily **accessed (media)** and **understood (language)**.

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**Harnessing the Power of Media:** We use media to reach the furthest corners of the nation. Every Iranian from the poorest and most remote through to the most exclusive and influential can access the gospel through our TV, radio and social media broadcasts.

**SAMA TV / PERSIAN WORLD RADIO / PERSIAN WORSHIP RADIO / CHESHME MOBILE APP / STRATEGIC WEBSITES / SOCIAL MEDIA**

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**Speaking their Heart Language:** We use language the people understand (style, accent, dialect), with sounds they connect to (authentic Iranian music), in a way that can be clearly grasped (audio-video allowing the illiterate and the casual surfers to easily connect). We also consider the age, gender, socio-economic status and literacy of our audience and create appropriate content.

**BIBLE TRANSLATION / AUDIO DRAMATIZED CONTENT / ETHNIC WORSHIP MUSIC / CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY**

*"We were ministering to a family in Iran. They had two children with some medical issues. We helped them get the operation they needed. The whole family ended up giving their lives to Jesus. Now they have emigrated to Europe and we are discipling them. Before they left Iran they witnessed to their extended family and now ten in that family are saved and have formed a new house church."*

**TRANSFORM IRAN PASTORS IN HOLLAND**



## 2/ Answer their Questions & Meet their Needs

**We consider the audience.** We answer the questions that are being asked, and strive to meet emotional, intellectual and physical needs (as well as spiritual).

**Emotional needs:** Millions of Iranians are suffering from trauma, addiction, abuse and mental health issues — through Pearl of Persia we directly address the issues they face.

### PEARL OF PERSIA

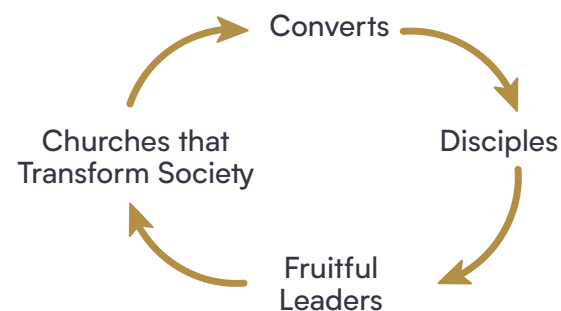
**Intellectual needs:** Millions of Iranians are deep thinkers and genuinely struggling with the disconnect between the Islamic worldview they grew up with and the conflicting one Christ offers — through Porpasokh Apologetics we dignify their questions and give educated biblical answers.

### PORPASOKH APOLOGETICS CENTER

**Physical needs:** Millions of Iranians are struggling with poverty and its effects. Though we cannot meet all the need, we also cannot ignore it. 222 Churches are committed to being the hands and feet of Jesus. Whether its through crisis response, aid to warm homes in the winter or clothing and recreational supplies for refugee children, we are there.

**SUPPORT THE PERSECUTED CHURCH / CRISIS RESPONSE / OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY / OPERATION WARM HOME**

## 3/ Build, Strengthen and Empower the Church



**We disciple the converts** and develop nation-changing leaders.

### 1:1 FOLLOW UP AND DISCIPLESHIP

### TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**We plant active outward-looking churches** and resource the body of Christ with printed and digital tools to aid evangelism, discipleship, church planting, pastoral support, Christian community and more, so that each member is engaged in the mission and 'one becomes many' as growth multiplies.

**CHURCH PLANTING / FREEDOM IN CHRIST / ONLINE BIBLE COLLEGE / PERSIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH / ONLINE PRAYER MEETING TENT / PRINTED AND DIGITAL RESOURCES**

## 2024 Highlights



**400**

Open Bible Stories translated or dramatized (50 stories in 8 languages)



**100%**

New testament + 50% Old testament dramatized in Gilaki



**4**

New Testament translations in progress (Balochi, Mazani, Luri, Arabic Khuzestani)



**421,676**

page views across Transform Iran's websites



**21,797**

discipleship lessons sent and 9,384 phone calls made by follow up team



**159,986**

podcast downloads (386% increase from 2023)



**3,174,173**

combined views of PCC digital church meetings



**4,852,757**

video views on Sama TV YouTube (20,567% increase from 2023)



**25,695,616**

video views on Sama TV Instagram



**15,122,107**

Facebook and Instagram accounts reached by Sama TV (10,884% increase from 2023)



**2,293,055**

accounts reached by Pearl of Persia (988% increase from 2023)



**45,496**

people using Porpasokh apologetics center



**944**

active Bible College students



**1,187**

trained at strategic leadership development events (140% increase from 2023)



**1,387**

children in 4 countries reached through Operation Christmas Joy



*"After encountering Jesus in a vision and receiving miraculous deliverance from years of drug addiction, I began to seek Christian community — and found Persian Community Church. I joined these Christian meetings, learnt to pray, learnt about the Bible, and worshipped with other believers. A pastor began discipling me 1:1. I am so grateful for this input. I am growing in my faith and am eager to serve others who struggled with addiction like I did."*

**PCC MEMBER**

*"The world is becoming increasingly dark and polarized with the Iranian regime at the heart of what's happening with their support of terrorist regimes. It feels increasingly urgent to accelerate the spread of the good news about Jesus to Iran and deploy broader and creative means of doing so in all of the key languages and dialects that are prevalent there. There is nothing more satisfying and pleasurable for me than witnessing the lives of those in the dark being transformed by the love and light of Jesus."*

**MIKE THOMAS,  
INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
AND UK TRUSTEE**



*"I began watching Sama TV programs and following the teaching of Pastor Hamid. Through his teaching, I prayed the prayer of salvation and gave my life to the Lord. I sent a WhatsApp message to Transform Iran's follow up team asking for prayer and guidance. Now a dear pastor calls me regularly and discipless me."*

**SAMA TV VIEWER**

*"My follow up counselor meets with me regularly and teaches me how to grow in this new faith. I feel like I have this never-ending hunger and I don't want the sessions to end. It's as if Jesus Christ Himself is sitting here with me. I have so many questions and she is patient in answering them all. I am learning how to pray and read my Bible. I feel peace like I have never felt before. I am forever grateful that I found PCC."*

**FOLLOW UP DISCIPLE**

*"Sometimes I have such a feeling that you are the light of God itself for me. Exactly in the moments of my distress you publish just what I need to read."*

**PORPASOKH READER**



# 2024 Challenges

In 2024, our challenges in ministry included:

## COMMUNICATION WITH IRAN

The government is still cracking down and infiltrating every possible channel of communication. Seekers are afraid to be caught. Christians are at risk of isolation. We fight hard to keep communication open without compromising our team. All Iran leadership is decentralized.

*"I was introduced to the Living God, Jesus Christ, through one of the dear sisters at 222 Church, whose heart was committed to Him. It changed my life. Living as a Christian in Iran has many challenges. We face so many limitations. We are living in a very intense, specific, closed situation. When I first gave my heart to Jesus I was worried about being isolated. I thought, 'how are we going to connect with other believers?'. I can't stress enough how hard my pastor and mentor worked to maintain connection with me (from outside Iran). Even when things were very chaotic and the network was being closed on and off by the authorities. She found a way. She made sure that our small group was not cut off from communication with believers outside the country. 222 Church has given us community."*

## HOUSE CHURCH PASTOR IN IRAN

"Nowhere is the life of Christ more visible than in our suffering brothers and sisters."

DR. PAUL J. VISSER,  
NETHERLANDS  
TRUSTEE



## CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL

Iran, Israel, Hamas, Hezbollah... In 2024, our news feeds were full of the developing conflict in this region. On the one hand, Iranians have increased anxiety for an uncertain future and impending war; on the other hand there is hopeless apathy with 'today's problems' overshadowing any fear for tomorrow. Whether we like it or not, the ongoing conflict with Israel will have a direct impact on the lives of Iranians in 2025.

## COST OF LIVING

Both Iran and Turkey battle high inflation rates. 45-50% in Turkey and almost 32% in Iran. In Turkey, refugees are limited in employment opportunities and have no access to insurance or benefits. Cost of housing is increasing with the ongoing influx of wealthy Russian and Ukrainian refugees, squeezing Iranian refugees out. It is a desperate situation. Housing is now the number one issue for refugee Christians in Turkey. Many have lost their homes and are living in appalling conditions. Tehran's Rial continues to plummet and poverty is gripping more than half the population. Cost of living has become the number one crisis in Iran.

## TRAINING AND TRAVEL

Prohibitive travel costs and the loss of income (delegates forced to take unpaid leave from work to attend) make it harder for Iranians to participate in in-person training events. Additionally, refugees in Turkey are regularly being denied permission to travel out of their city (they need written permission from authorities to do so). This makes the accessibility of in-person training a significant challenge to overcome.



## THREAT OF DEPORTATION

Refugees need a residence permit — Kimlik — to live in Turkey. In 2024, many of these were revoked with little to no notice, sending refugees directly to deportation camps and from there to Iran. This is unthinkable for many of our team. We respond quickly, enlisting legal help and at significant cost, help people out of prison and deportation camps in order to avert the danger of deportation. The pressure is unimaginable. One of our members was called in to the local station to be informed his Kimlik was denied and he was being sent to a deportation camp. The shock of the news caused a heart attack (right there in the station). Children share stories of classmates pulled out of class and told they are being deported.

## CYBER SECURITY

Our team received constant direct, personal security threats from the government of Iran and their agents. Our systems are constantly being attacked. Even with strong security measures, breaches happen. Early in 2024 our websites were hacked. We were able close the breach within hours. In December they infiltrated Sama TV's YouTube and Instagram accounts taking years of accumulated content. After several days intensive effort God intervened with a miraculous recovery. But it was another warning. We have once again increased security across all our websites and communication platforms.

## NEED FOR LEADERS

The need for more qualified dedicated anointed pastors to tend the constantly growing flock has not diminished. We continue to invest in quality leadership development.

## MENTAL HEALTH

Iranians face a mental health crisis with rising depression, anxiety, prostitution, addiction and suicide. Less and less young people are getting married. Their hope for a better future is diminishing. They tell us time and again: there is no life; no future for us in Iran. People are traumatized in a myriad of ways. It is not possible to overestimate the brutality of the regime against its own people. The Church remains the only true light in oppressive darkness.

## PERSECUTION OF CHILDREN

Children living as refugee Christians in Turkey are facing persecution and the pressure to embrace Islam. Some are beaten so badly that they end up in hospital. This constant pressure and mounting fear mean Christian children in Turkey battle depression and loneliness. In 2024 we began seriously tackling this issue through targeted ministry to children.

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Even with all these barriers, Iranians continue to respond positively to Christ. We disciple them and connect them to the Body. There have been countless baptisms in secret, despite the danger. Many of these go on to plant new house churches. We do not publicize much of what is happening for security. We hold caution and wisdom in tension with boldness and courage. Be assured, the Church in Iran is growing!

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*"Despite all this which would normally paralyze a person, or bring an operation to its knees, God's presence has been tangible in all our gatherings and throughout this powerful network of united Spirit-filled believers. Every day I hear reports of God working in miraculous ways. We should be encouraged that we face these hurdles. The Kingdom of God is advancing in Iran. The light shines bright in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it!"*

**LANA SILK, CEO-USA**









# Uprooted After 11 Years:

## Mary's Story

The persecution the believers face in Turkey increases year on year. The instability they endure with the knowledge that at any moment they may be deported and sent back to certain imprisonment in Iran creates a huge amount of pressure and effects the mental health of everyone there from the youngest to the oldest.

Mary (name changed) is a single mother and a Bible translator. This is a transcript of a voice note she sent one of our leaders:

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*"I'll keep it short because I have no internet and no battery charge.*

*They gave us a letter forcing us to change our city—we moved to [other town], but actually, this is not the town at all; it's in the mountains. It's not good for my knee injury, nor for anything else.*

*I made a few friends and began finding accommodation but then someone blocked*

*my way and said I must pay a full year's rent in advance if I wanted to stay there. He said, "I don't know you; you're foreigners; I need assurances". But how am I support to come up with that kind of money? I need to pay the deposit, the first month's rent, electricity, water, and gas bills. Besides, I don't even have furniture to put in the house.*

*In short, we became really hopeless. We stayed in a hotel for so many nights that the hotel cost kept increasing. Then a Turkish person here had mercy on us and became my guarantor and said he would vouch for me. But after some time, he said that I must pay six months' rent in advance. We had no choice but to pay it. After that, we had to arrange water, electricity, and all other necessities.*

*Someone from [another town] who had come to faith through me before, came with his car and helped us. We were dealing with all this for a week, and finally, two days ago, the electricity and water were connected.*


*By God's grace, dear brother, I just wanted to say that I didn't even have time to go to church and say goodbye to the people there. Friends I had made for so many years! I was in so much pain and distress that I couldn't even bring myself to say goodbye. After 11 years, now I must move to another city and start again.*

*Maybe others have done the same, but with a sick child and all these difficulties, I really can't travel properly. I just wanted to ask you to let the people there know that I beg their forgiveness for not being able to say goodbye. I will tell them myself too, but I wanted you to know that I am now in [name of town]. We are completely alone again.*

*As you know, with the rules for refugees here, we are not allowed to go back to the town we were in before. But I think we are about two hours away. We'll see what God has planned for us.*

*Please send my greetings to my sister. May you be in God's protection."*





“That religion which costs a man  
nothing is usually worth nothing.”

CHARLES SPURGEON



## How can you help us increase our impact in 2025?

Transform Iran is a faith-based ministry entirely dependent on donations to continue serving the people of Iran.

### Share

Help us raise awareness for the revival and the need in Iran. Forward our newsletters to others. Follow us on social media and share the posts. Host an information evening for friends and family. We can support you by sending material, or if appropriate, joining via video link or in person.

### Pray

We cannot accomplish anything without the guidance and anointing of God. You can use our prayer guide to get you started:  
[www.transformiran.com/pray](http://www.transformiran.com/pray)

Our monthly email newsletters will keep you updated on the latest prayer needs:  
[www.transformiran.com/newsletter-sign-up](http://www.transformiran.com/newsletter-sign-up)

### Give

Consider a regular monthly gift to help us plan and budget. Every amount makes a difference.  
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