




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

Transform

Impact Report 2025

'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

“By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care.”

1 Corinthians 3:10

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul powerfully states that he has wisely laid a foundation that others will build on. I wonder if I could say the same! What a challenge!

For every one of us in Christian ministry, there comes a time to stop and reflect. It is better to do this before the end of the race, while there is still time to correct course.

What have we built? How have we built? With what materials have we built? Will it endure the judgement day fire?

Later in the same passage Paul says, **“If anyone builds on this foundation ... their work will be shown for what it is, because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work.”** (1 Corinthians 3:12–15)

At the age of six, I was baptized in the Holy Spirit, and the journey began. 70 Incredible years have passed in a flash of light! There is much to rejoice over. Together with my wife Maggie, we have climbed mountains and crawled through valleys. God’s grace has covered it all. At each junction, we have learnt and pressed on. At each junction, we have stopped, reflected, and ensured we are still on target. God has led with clarity every time. To Him goes all the glory.

2025 was no exception. We paused and reflected and we began again with renewed vision and vigor. A little battered from another year in the trenches but full of hope and excitement for the harvest ahead.

The pause this year is a little different. For many years Maggie and I have prayed for the next generation to come and take hold of what God has pressed on our hearts. Now as I look ahead to 2026, I do so with a different lens.

In 2026 I will step into the role of General Overseer for all our churches (hundreds in the Middle East and dozens more further West). I have been longing for the opportunity to really focus on churches and church planting; mentoring, investing, strengthening, growing. Maggie will formally oversee the theological integrity in all our expanding programs, courses, curriculums and ministries.

Our daughter Lana will take the reins as President and CEO. She is an answer to prayer and our whole team is excited to step into a season of expansion and advancement under her anointed leadership.


When the vision and the calling is clear and the people excitedly line up shoulder to shoulder, the miraculous provisions of God follow. For Maggie and me, this Kingdom Journey, with all its challenges, has been made easy through the blessing of hundreds of men and women of God like you, who have stood with us with united vision and co-labored every step of the way. What an overwhelming privilege and joy to serve with such an amazing group of godly, fearless, sacrificial Daniels and Esthers.

Sacrifice and partnership take many forms. Whether you have given of your time, your focus, your talent, your energy or your resources, **you have a share in the harvest you will read about in this report.** This is YOUR impact. It is the fruit of your investment.

Thank you. Thank you for your sacrifice and thank you for your vision.

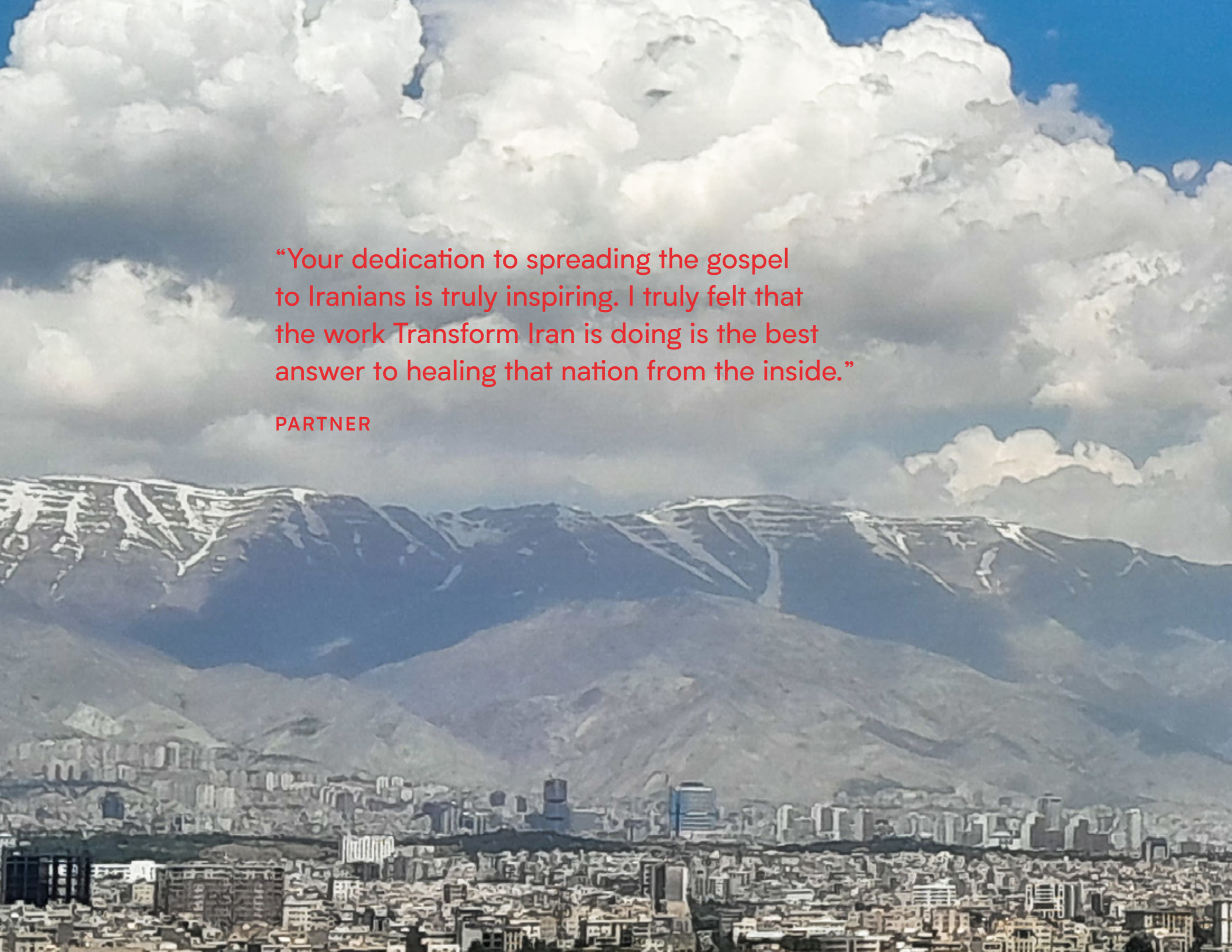
Let me close with this. 222 Ministries International was formally established in 1991 after several years of ministry. We rejoice and celebrate God’s goodness, manifested in the last 35 years—and we look forward with prophetic foresight to a historic opportunity to truly transform a ravaged, burnt and brutalized country into a flourishing garden. The words of Isaiah could not be more poignant for such times: **“I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”** Isaiah 43:19

Your co-worker in Christ



LAZARUS YEGHNAZAR

Founder and President of Transform Iran

A panoramic view of a city at the base of snow-capped mountains under a cloudy sky. The city is densely packed with buildings, and the mountains in the background are covered in patches of snow. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds, and a small portion of blue sky is visible at the top right.

“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, Korean, 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.

"Transform Iran is taking bold steps to share the Good News with the world through The Chosen television series. At Come and See, we are grateful for their unwavering commitment, professionalism, and global reach, which are helping us deliver the authentic story of Jesus to some of the most challenging and unreached regions of the world."

WENDI LORD, VICE PRESIDENT OF CONTENT LOCALIZATION AT COME AND SEE



"Lazarus Yeghnazar, the Founder 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



A nighttime photograph of a cityscape, likely Tehran, Iran, featuring a prominent illuminated tower (the Milad Tower) in the background. The city lights are visible in the foreground and middle ground, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere. A large red rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

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

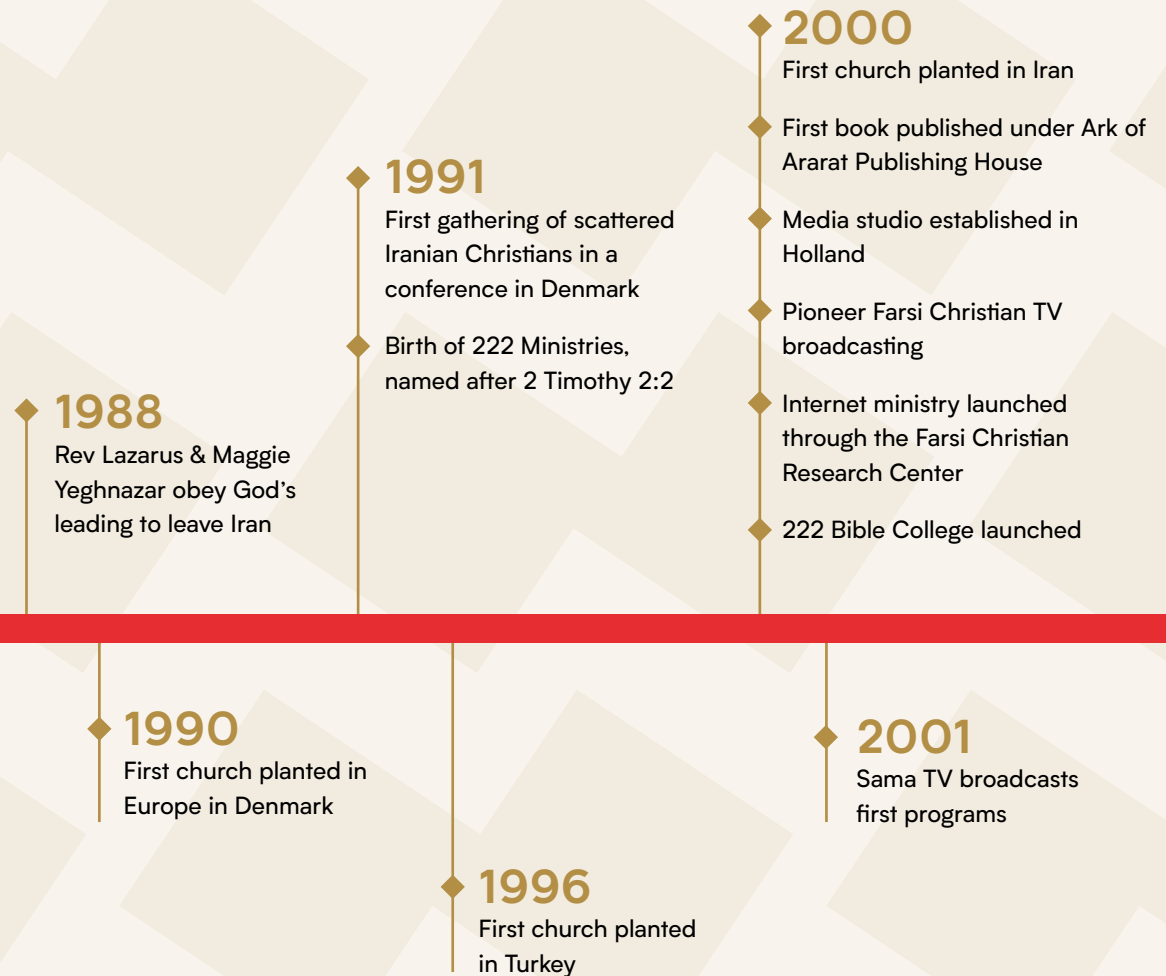
Thousands

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 have been developed.



"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!"

GOD'S CALL TO LAZARUS AND MAGGIE (1988)

2005

Pearl of Persia launched

2009

First church planted in Afghanistan

2015

Pioneer Farsi Christian apologetics center: Porpasokh

Operation Christmas Joy launched

2018

Pioneer Farsi digital church: Persian Community Church (first Farsi interactive online church community)

2017

First conference for Afghan Christians in Afghanistan

Operation Warm Home launched

2020

Sama TV live Friday night broadcasts begin

Meeting Tent online interactive prayer rooms launched

2021

Cheshme mobile app launched (first Farsi Christian multi-resource app)

Persian World Radio begins broadcast

Persian (Farsi) Living Bible thoroughly revised and updated

Bible Translation begins in ethnic languages

Taliban take over Kabul—begin humanitarian support

2025

Kairos (Christian AI) launched

Free secure VPN launched

Persian Word Radio begins broadcast

2007

Farsi Christian News Network (fcnn.com) launched

2014

Freedom in Christ course translated and launched

2023

Persian Worship Radio begins broadcast

First New Testament completed (Gilaki)

Media studio established in Armenia

READ THE FULL STORY HERE:

www.transformiran.com/our-story



When a Church Started in a Deportation Camp

2025 saw a dramatic rise in the persecution of Iranian Christian refugees in Turkey. Yet even in the most difficult circumstances, the Lord continues to do remarkable things.

Early in the year, brother Arash (all names changed) was sent to a deportation camp. The believers began to pray fervently for his release. Unthinkable suffering awaited him in Iran. Month after month, he remained confined in the camp, and the prayers of the church did not cease.

What they did not know was that the Lord was using Arash to transform lives within the camp itself. During the five months he was detained there, many lives were touched, and several came to faith through hearing the Word of God from him. Remarkably, guards granted him permission to hold church services for new believers—right there in the camp. He was also allowed to keep a Bible and make it available to those he was ministering to.

Among those in the camp was a young Turkish Muslim named Hassan. After a series of tragic events, Hassan fell into a coma. The Christians in the camp began to pray in unity. The Lord

answered, and Hassan came out of the coma. He later testified that while unconscious, he saw the prayers of the saints being offered up for him. As a result, he declared that Jesus Christ had healed him and came to faith. He is now being discipled. Two Iranian teenage brothers were also being held in the camp, awaiting deportation. Through Arash's ministry, they too came to faith. Declaring, "The God who brought Hassan out of the coma will also bring us out of the camp."

Perhaps most remarkably, an officer from the Islamic Republic of Iran's intelligence service was also detained there. While in the camp, he heard Arash share the gospel and came to personal faith before being deported back to Iran. Despite the risks, he took a Bible with him and is now ready to reach his family for Christ.

Nothing is wasted in the kingdom. Though many continue to face uncertainty and oppression, they step out in courage and faith. As a result, the lost are found, the sick are healed, and the Kingdom of God continues to advance—even in the most unlikely places.

Your investment in Transform Iran enables us to reach even the most isolated and forgotten. The lost are saved; converts are discipled; disciples are trained, resourced and released into fruitful mission.

Each reaching their own community and sphere of influence; disciples, making disciples, making disciples.

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:

92 million



People groups:

78+



Languages:

39+

(~55% do not speak Farsi at home)



National language:

Farsi/Persian



Capital:

Tehran



Religion:

Shiite Islam



Christians:

1-3* 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

* It is impossible to accurately claim the number of Christians in Iran. The only reliable empirical research was conducted by Gamaan in 2020. 50,000 Iranians were surveyed (over 90% living in Iran). 1.5% said they considered themselves Christian. If we consider the population at 85 million at that point (very conservative) then we would say there were 1.275 million Christians in 2020. Several large Christian organizations (including Operation World and Open Doors) state that Iran is the fastest growing church in the world at a rate of 19.6% per annum. If we apply just 15% annual growth to 1.275 million, we arrive at 2.564 million in 2025. 19.6% annual growth would give 3.12 million in 2025. Some claim as many as 7 million. We believe this is not realistic.



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

ILLITERACY: 11+%

(no reliable statistics; Head of Iran's Literacy Movement Organization: "7.4 million age 6+ are absolute illiterate", former Minister of Education: closer to 9 million; Iran Human Rights Monitor: "20 million illiterate and low-literate" Sep 2025)

PROSTITUTION:

1+ million women (and girls) trapped

CHILD LABOR: 3–7 million

(no reliable statistics; in 2024, Reza Shafakhah of the human rights working group of the National Union of Bar Associations: 3 million working children in Iran, Iranian media: 7 million Iranian children are sold, rented, or sent to work 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

(Iran has the highest rate of opium abusers in the world, with opium use at three times the global average; ~2 million people—2.2% of population—use illicit drugs daily; Iran is a primary transit route for heroin originating in Afghanistan and destined for Europe)

DEPRESSION: 19–23 million (21–25% of population) suffer mental health or development disorders, esp. depression and anxiety disorder

(in reality likely much higher; The Tehran Studies and Planning Center claims 99.7% of Tehran's population is grappling with depression)

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 Toriki, Assistant Prosecutor for Public Law and Crime Prevention in Iran, suicide is now the third leading cause of death amongst Iranians aged 15–24, Iran Human Rights Monitor in 2025: 150,000 suicide attempts and more than three million cases of suicidal ideation per year)

EXECUTIONS: highest rate in the world; 1,735 executed in 2025

(96.5% increase on previous year; equates to one in every 53k people)

REFUGEES: 3.5 million

(making Iran host to the largest refugee population in the world; Turkey is second with 3.2 million)

POVERTY: 40–80% 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; unofficial and international sources estimate as many as 80% of Iranians live below the poverty line)

YOUTH: 50+% under the age of 35

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 2025, 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 come to Christ in the last 47 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.

How We Will Change the Story of a Nation

Effective Evangelism

*How can they believe if they have not heard?
(Romans 1:14)*

We remove barriers to the gospel—language, literacy, age, geography, education, fear, and access to communication.

We spread the gospel through TV, radio, social media, websites, mobile apps, printed literature, and in person. We use language that is understandable and relatable to the audience. We translate the Bible into Iran's heart languages.

"First my younger brother was saved, then my older brother and mother. It took years for me to lose the hold Islam had on me but finally when I accepted the truth, my wife and three teenage daughters also immediately decided to follow Christ. Then it was like a dam broke open! All of my wife's family and my brother's wife's family also accepted Christ. I finally found the peace I'd been looking for all my life. We depended on the support and resources the church offered us as we grew in our faith and witness. We couldn't stop sharing the good news and people kept responding in faith.

We began to see healings and miracles. God would speak in dreams and visions. Before we left Iran, we had planted several house churches which continue to thrive today. Now we are ministering amongst the refugees in Europe and have seen dozens come to know the Lord. In total probably more than 100 have been saved and are now being disciplined."

TRANSFORM IRAN PASTOR IN FINLAND

Fruitful Discipleship

Go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19)

Converts are easy. Disciples are harder. Fruitful disciples take time and investment.

We digitally connect scattered believers into the thriving global Persian Community Church. 25,000 Iranians connect every month to learn, worship and pray together. We disciple converts 1:1 through a powerful year-long program and develop leaders. We provide healing ministry (Freedom in Christ), trauma counselling (Pearl of Persia), apologetics (Porpasokh), theological training (222 Bible College) and AI-powered 'anytime anywhere' discipleship (Kairos).

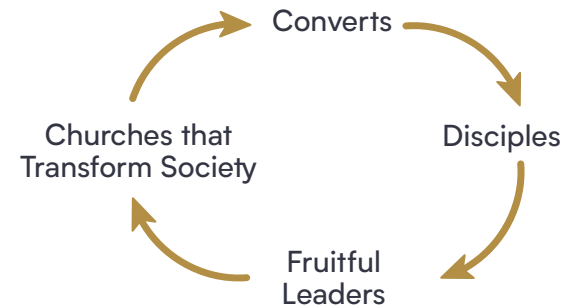


Nation Transformation

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden (Matthew 5:14)

We dream of a transformed Iran. We plant active, outward-looking churches and equip the body of Christ with the tools needed to engage in the mission and transform communities. We consider the needs and circumstances of those we reach.

Multiplication is at the heart of it all. As converts are discipled, they grow into high-impact, nation-changing leaders who plant churches and reach many more with the gospel.



2025 Highlights



13,712

Bible/FGL¹ verses translated or audio dramatized



386,504

podcast downloads
(17% increase from 2024)



11,998,977

accounts reached by Pearl of Persia (424% increase from 2024)



611,049

words of The Chosen (seasons 1&2) translated into 11 languages



25,294,695

combined views of PCC digital church meetings
(697% increase from 2024)



66,564

people using Porpasokh apologetics center
(46% increase from 2024)



282

new 30–60-minute satellite TV programs produced and broadcast



19,877,447

video views on Pearl of Persia Instagram (460% increase from 2024)



1,012

active Bible College students



362,815

page views across Transform Iran's websites



83,751,156

video views on Sama TV Instagram (226% increase from 2024)



25,000

regular monthly attendance for Persian Community Church



8,874

phone calls made by follow up discipleship team (1,036 in active discipleship Dec 2025)



36,862,687

Facebook and Instagram accounts reached by Sama TV
(144% increase from 2024)



8,080

prayer warriors at the Meeting Tent (25% increase from 2024)

¹ FGL (Farsi Gateway Language) Book Packages, are a comprehensive suite of resources to support Bible translation, providing accelerated processes for exegesis, consultant check provision and more. For context, 3 John has 294 words in the KJV. The supporting Book Packages for 3 John have 23,503 words.

"I came to the **training seminar** physically ill, emotionally broken, and spiritually exhausted. Through prayer, Jesus Christ healed my body, freed me from addiction, and restored my family. My life before this experience and my life after it are completely different."

LEADERSHIP TRAINING ATTENDEE

"Every time I watch these **programs**, I receive key messages that have a significant impact on my life. These are not just ordinary sermons—they are real, alive, and deeply touching. Each time I watch, I feel as though God is speaking directly to me."

SAMA TV VIEWER

"I'm so grateful for the way Transform Iran gives us easy access to so many amazing teachings and resources through the **Cheshme** app."

HOUSE CHURCH LEADER

"Ashkan was in a camp in Turkey waiting to be deported to Iran. While he was there, he caught a serious disease which was causing him great suffering. We **prayed** for him. His illness was cured. He was also released from the camp and was accepted to stay in another country!"

PRAYER ROOM LEADER

"**Kairos** answered questions I could never ask anyone. It helped me understand the Bible and pray with confidence, without fear."

KAIROS USER

"Wow! Finally a reliable **VPN!** I have been telling all my friends about it. What a powerful way to serve ALL people in Iran."

TI VPN USER



2025 Challenges

CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL

This is what we wrote in our 2024 Report: “Whether we like it or not, the ongoing conflict with Israel will have a direct impact on the lives of Iranians in 2025.” Six months later, Israel and Iran moved from a proxy war to a direct exchange of firepower. The so-called 12-day war ignited a surge of hope that freedom might finally be coming. Iranians celebrated with fireworks and messages of thanks to Prime Minister Netanyahu. Surely there has never been a nation so desperate for a foreign attack.

But the war was short-lived. A wounded and humiliated government turned its anger inward, with Christians and Jews among the primary targets. Under the cover of a ceasefire, the regime moved swiftly to eliminate any perceived threat—hanging, burning homes and businesses, arresting, torturing, interrogating.

2025 saw an increase in surveillance, investigation, arrests, imprisonments and executions. Food became scarce. Gas was rationed. Costs for daily essentials rose quickly. Pedestrians were stopped and forced to hand over phones for spot checks. Every message, online search and chat group was monitored. Christians grew increasingly afraid to be identified and some began to disconnect from digital groups in the hope that their faith would not be discovered.

“Right now, it’s war, and we’re witnessing the collapse of Iran with our own eyes. South Pars [the northern part of the world’s largest natural gas-condensate field in the Persian Gulf] has been shut down. Life is getting harder for Iranians day by day.”

“Thank God we’re okay, but when the missile strikes our fear and anxiety is much greater. We have no way to leave Tehran. The roads are blocked. The windows shake from the blasts, and the internet has been cut off. They’ve also started food rationing in parts of Tehran, and some essentials are unavailable. We can’t get baby formula.”

I want to thank you for PCC digital church and for consistently sharing encouraging Bible verses and teachings. It helps lift our spirits and gives us hope.”

COMMUNICATION WITH IRAN

Government crackdowns and intensity of surveillance increased in 2025. Spot checks have become regular tools of intimidation. 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.

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

**DR. PAUL J. VISSER,
NETHERLANDS
TRUSTEE**



“The more they legislate, intimidate, threaten and punish, the more curious the people become.”

TRANSFORM IRAN PASTOR

COST AND PRESSURES OF LIVING

Both Iran and Turkey battle high inflation rates. In Turkey, refugees are limited in employment opportunities and have no access to insurance or benefits. Increased cost of housing is also forcing many out of their homes. Iran's inflation rate peaked at ~48.6% in October and the Rial continues to fall much more sharply compared with 2024. Poverty is gripping Iran's population.

"The stores are emptying out and the price of basic goods has skyrocketed. Local shopkeepers report that wholesalers are not selling goods and no new stock is arriving."

Iran has also faced an extreme drought with reservoirs falling to crisis levels (many less than 15% of capacity). In Tehran, Mashhad and other provinces, low reservoir levels have led to daily water outages. The crisis triggered protests and unrest in multiple cities, with citizens demanding reliable access to water as well as electricity.

TRAINING AND TRAVEL

Prohibitive travel costs, loss of income from unpaid leave, and the escalated conflict with Israel—which severely restricts travel—have made in-person training increasingly difficult. Refugees in Turkey continue to live under virtual city arrest, with permission for out-of-city travel often denied. These factors led to several event cancellations, and in one instance delegates were trapped, unable to return home for some time. Ensuring safe and accessible in-person training remains a significant challenge.

DEPORTATIONS

Refugees in Turkey are having their residence permits—Kimlik—revoked and are being sent to deportation camps, often with no notice, even after years of building a life there. Fear has gripped the community, as returning to Iran is dangerous for most. We respond quickly, enlisting legal help and, at significant cost, assisting people out of prison and deportation camps to avert the threat of deportation. Children tell stories of classmates being pulled from class and told they are being deported.

CYBER SECURITY

We must continually adapt to advancing technology to counter the regular cyberattacks from the Iranian government, which range from scrambling signals and sabotaging meetings to overwhelming our systems and attacking our sites. By God's grace, we have overcome these challenges, and protecting our users' identities remains a top priority.

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!

"I am continually amazed by the faith and resilience of the believers in Iran. Life is unimaginably hard. The stories of trauma and struggle are heartbreaking. You would think they would retreat into a corner and hide. But they are more determined than ever to see the love of Jesus fill their land. Their passion is fierce, their resolve unwavering. And God continues to fill and empower them. Every day I hear reports of the miraculous. 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





Omid's Journey: From Seeking to Leading

Before I came to faith, between 2011 and 2013, God was already speaking to me through dreams. Without realizing it, I was led on a journey through Turkey, Syria, and Iraq, retracing the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. Along the way I visited the tombs of prophets, searching for truth. On my return, I heard a clear voice in my heart say, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" In that moment, I understood that Christ is risen.

After this, I began to have repeated dreams of Jesus. Even before I believed, He healed my injured hands and feet. On the shores of the Aegean Sea, I felt His presence, and pain that had troubled my wrist for years disappeared completely. During that same journey, I was led to Ephesus and the house of the Virgin Mary, where for the first time I whispered a Christian prayer.

Back in Iran, through wonderful series of events, I became connected to 222 house churches and began attending. Pastors patiently walked with me, answering my questions and discipling me through Scripture. Accepting that Jesus is the Son of God was not easy. But when I finally held the Bible in my hands, I realized that all the prophets I had been seeking were alive in its pages. I understood that I no longer needed to visit graves—the living truth was with me.

On the night my grandfather passed away, after a deep spiritual struggle, I went to a brother from the church who opened the Scriptures with me and prayed the prayer of salvation. That night, I accepted Jesus Christ with my whole heart. Soon after, God spoke to me again and said, "Go among my people and proclaim the good news."

The road that followed was not easy. Before attending a training seminar in Turkey in 2015, my wife and I were arrested. What followed was high levels of tension that led to divorce, legal pressure, and the loss of my possessions. Before Christ, I was shy, angry, and weak-willed. But through the constant discipleship and care of my house church pastor and Transform Iran follow up counselors, Jesus transformed me. I was healed of chronic illness, restored emotionally, and given endurance, clarity, and authority. I was able to work again and stand strong in my calling.

In June 2025, amid war and crisis, God miraculously brought me to one of the 222 churches in Turkey. On June 15, I was baptized and experienced new birth, holding tightly to these words: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

During this season, pastors and leaders poured into me intentionally. Through seminars and mentoring, I learned about the unity of the Church, spiritual gifts, and the foundations of house churches. I was trained in leadership, discernment, and evangelism, and guided through self-discovery that helped clarify my calling.

My lifelong dream has been to serve God through media ministry, and God confirmed this calling. I received a vision of thousands of white birds flying freely. Today, I serve at the church where I was baptized and work alongside others in producing worship songs that reach far beyond our walls.

My goal is to plant and lead a 17-member house church by this coming Nowruz—reaching others just as I was reached. I am deeply grateful for a ministry that did not leave me as a new believer, but walked beside me, disciplined me, and helped shape me into a leader who now serves others.



How the Gospel Reached a Community

Rastam (name changed) leads the team translating the Bible into his ethnic language:

“A year ago, we did not know any believers in our community. There were only a few. We were so excited to begin work translating the Word of God into our language. As we began to study and learn and read and pray together with the small team—for the first time in our mother tongue—the excitement grew to share what we had.

Fragments started being taken and secretly shared with others.

One of the translators lives in a house in a green, rural area. One day, two shepherds came with their flock to the nearby fields to graze. Our friend struck up a conversation with them and told them about the gospel. He said, “The Lord says: I am the good Shepherd.” He then asked whether their sheep also recognize their voice. From there, he shared what he himself had learned about the shepherding of Jesus Christ while translating the Word of God.

In the days that followed, he sought out the shepherds again as they regularly returned with their sheep to the fields around his house. Through these conversations, the two shepherds accepted the Word of God and gave their lives to Christ. They are now being disciplined.


Another of our translators brought his wife to the team reviews. She was not a believer and would sit on the side and not participate. But she began taking copies of Scriptures and saving them on her phone. As the Word took root, she testified, “I always read the Qur’an in Arabic, but I did not understand any of it. This Word of God in our own language—now this, I understand! I was afraid that if I left Islam, God would punish me. But I have discovered from these writings that God is love. I want to follow the God of the Bible.”

In another case, a translator who herself had come to Christ through this project was visiting the local hospital and began praying for the patients. One responded with testimony of healing. Right there, our translator shared the gospel and led him to the Lord.

When Ali and Elham from the team were visiting the Sunday market, they noticed an elderly vendor who was struggling for sales. Elham told her that she would buy something from her but asked if she would first allow Elham to bless her in the name of the Lord. The vendor agreed. Elham told the woman about Christ and what she had translated the day before from Romans chapter 3. She invited the woman to trust in the Lord Jesus. Suddenly, the woman’s customers increased. Ali started selling the woman’s goods so that Elham could continue to preach and pray for the woman. That day, the woman gave her heart to the Lord Jesus.

*Through just this translation project, in less than one year, **several hundred people** have already come to faith through encounters like these. The translators share the Bible passages they are working on, and it is through these shared texts that people are being deeply and irrevocably touched. We are constantly reminded of the power of God’s Word.”*

Thank you for your investment in the Kingdom of God. It is changing lives in even the most rural parts of Iran.



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you may choose to look the
other way but you can never
again say you did not know.”

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE



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