

THE BROADCASTER



Michael Germi and Rasoul

WAITING...

Rasoul is a truck driver—one of the millions of ordinary people who are glad to have a job in the tumultuous country of Iran. He is forty-eight and has lived his entire life under the brutal, repressive regime of the Ayatollahs who rule his country with an iron fist. Life is hard! Nothing is certain, and there is no hope in sight that things are going to change.

When Rasoul drove his truck across the Iranian border into Armenia to pick up a load (something he had done dozens of times), he contemplated the hopelessness of his situation. Although he was born a Muslim, he had long ago lost faith in any Islamic teachings. Islam had not helped him! Neither had Allah! It was all a hoax!

Then it happened! His truck sputtered and jerked and died. He was barely able to pull it to the side of the road. He was angry! Nothing worked in Iran—absolutely nothing! Now he was stuck in Armenia—alone—with a nonfunctioning semi. Just his luck! He would have to stay with the truck until a mechanic arrived to fix it. To abandon the vehicle meant certain theft of the cargo for

which he would be held responsible. He would have to stay—and stay he did—for two days. No sleep! No shower! No anything! Just waiting—endless waiting!

Then a car passed him and pulled over. The driver, CRI broadcaster Michael Germi, approached the truck window holding a Farsi Bible and a tract. The first words out of his mouth were, “God loves you so much! He cares for your soul!”

Rasoul was stunned! He was so discouraged. Then a Farsi-speaking “angel” appeared out of nowhere to tell him that God loves him. Overwhelmed, Rasoul stood in front of the truck and listened as the complete stranger shared the gospel with him. Rasoul recounted how Islam had deceived him and ruined the lives of the Iranian people. Then Rasoul said, “I believe! I believe!” and prayed to receive Jesus as his Savior.

So what was the purpose of the broken-down truck on a lonely Armenian highway? What was the purpose of an Iranian broadcaster flying halfway around the world and driving seven hours to see the border of the country he left

twenty years ago? So that Michael could find Rasoul **waiting** on the side of the road—**waiting** to hear about Jesus—**waiting** to be saved!

MIDDLE EAST

Many Iranians who get saved watching satellite television are forced to flee to neighboring countries. One such couple, M and B (*pictured below*), who were saved five years ago and were discipled by Michael Geremi, has started a Persian church in their host country. Now the renewal of their refugee visa has been denied. They have applied for a EB4 visa which would allow M, as a pastor, to come to the U.S. and work. However they need a missionary organization to sponsor them and pay them a salary. They have only two months before they will be sent back to Iran. Please pray for a miracle!



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

1. From the editor--Barbara Zarris

Thank you for praying for me for the last six months. My lungs are much better, but I am still easily fatigued from any physical exertion. I need strength.

2. Technician Gene Sharp and his wife Tara will be in the Philippines July and August to install three more stations. They need safety, health and strength to complete the work.

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ARMENIA Yerevan Testimony from CRI Broadcaster Michael Geremi

“Before our two-day evangelistic meeting, we formed teams and went out on the street looking for Persians. Our first day we had fifty-five visitors who listened to me, Pastor Gary Wilkins, and Missionary Bill Flowers (*pictured above*) preach from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M. I compared the Koran to the Bible and explained the Trinity—that Jesus was more than a prophet. He was the Son of God. Pastor Wilkins preached the gospel using the parable of the lost sheep. Bill Flowers taught eternal security. The second day eighty people showed up. Twenty-eight were saved (*pictured below*), and eighteen were baptized. Many of the attendees have recently fled Iran. They have no homes and little food. We fed everyone both days and sent them home with food packages. Our hearts overflowed as the people fellowshiped after the service, and no one wanted to go home, because the Lord had bound our hearts together in love.”

