



# Iranian Church Dublin

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## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.  
(Philippians 4:19)**

It has been a very exciting year. The Lord answered my prayers by giving me a very special lady as my wife. It is not easy to be in ministry alone, especially when I am trying to reach Iranian families from a cultural perspective. Jenny and I got married in September, and the Lord truly blessed our wedding day. We are so thankful to Him for bringing us together. We are looking forward to our future together. As in all things, challenges will come, but we believe that as long as the Lord is at the centre of our marriage, He will continue to help us both as a couple and individually, causing us to glorify His name and using our lives as examples to others. We look forward to sharing the gospel in any situation that we may find ourselves in.

The Engaging with Islam Courses we ran last year was very successful, and we are looking forward to running more this year. Feedback from everyone that attended the courses in various locations was very positive. It was also very encouraging to see people from ALL church backgrounds being brought together to share the gospel, not only with Muslims but in their communities as well.

Over the last couple of months on the television, there have been a few programmes on about Islam. These are very interesting, but it has highlighted the ignorance towards Islam throughout the nation. We think that it is important to address the questions regarding Islam in order to love Muslim people but also to remove the fears surrounding Islam and sharing the gospel with Muslims. That's why we feel it's important to educate Christians about Islam, and the Engaging with Islam course is a very good starting point. I have been approached by a few people about running an Engaging with Islam Course in their area. We are hoping to run the course in DCU soon. If you would like to run a course in your area, please do not hesitate to contact me. Or if you would like more details about the next course, please let me know. More information about the Engaging with Islam course can be found on the Iranian Church website.

There is a conference run by Aontas in March that I have been invited to run two seminars at. This will be a short introduction to Engaging with Islam. I hope and pray that this will encourage others to run the whole course.

## **DUBLIN CHURCH**

At the end of last year we invited Iranians to meet in Immanuel Church to see if it would be the right time to re-start the Sunday evening service in Immanuel Church. After prayer and talking together, we decided that it was good for them to be part of their local churches, and we will review that Lord willing in end of 2014. We will be in contact with the families and set up further one-to-one Bible studies and perhaps have an Iranian family home group. Recently, a new Iranian family arrived in Ireland. I have started meeting up with them and reading the bible. I have also started doing one-to-one bible studies and Christianity Explore with the husband (Soheil) in Farsi. Soheil is confessing faith and it was very helpful for him to receive a Bible and some booklets in Farsi. We pray and hope the Lord will keep them in Dublin, as this would give us more opportunity to share the gospel and our lives with them that may his wife become to know The Lord and he grow in his faith.

## **BELFAST CHURCH**

The Church in Belfast is also going very well. There are also two new families in Belfast that have arrived over the last couple of weeks. We have been able to spend more time with one of the families, and they are new believers. They came to know the Lord in Iran. It has been encouraging sharing the gospel and praying with Mehdi and his family. Over the last couple of months in 2013, a lot of the families were away, but they are all back now, and we are looking forward to this year with them. There are two families in Northern Ireland that help me with the work in a practical and prayerful way. I am so thankful to them because without them, this work would not be possible. They meet the Iranian families throughout the week in their own homes and invite them to their home for dinner as well. These have been very fruitful and many gospel conversations have taken place in these loving environments of mutual love and respect.



We are very excited because at our first meeting in January we had our first communion together with people who acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. It was a very emotional time for me as it was such a wonderful moment before the Lord. My work can be hard at times as it takes many hours of explaining, praying and input, and usually, the fruit isn't always visible, but moments like these make it so worthwhile in a visible sense.

Please continue to pray for the Iranian families who are still awaiting decisions on their immigration cases and continue to live in camps. This is very hard for them as until they get a decision it is as if their lives are on hold and they cannot move forward. I have been able to spend a bit more time with some of the Iranian families in the camps, and I am praying that they would know the comfort of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jenny & I were blessed to be able to meet up with a friend from Northern Ireland whose daughter has converted to Islam. We were able to encourage our friend to continue trusting the Lord and also

to continue loving her daughter.

She also had a few questions about Islam, which I was able to help her with. When we first met her outside the GPO, there was a table with Islam booklets. She asked if I would get her a few booklets. The three of us went over and ended up engaged in a conversation with the three men at the table for over an hour in the rain.

We all benefited so much from the conversation. It is situations like this that make us realise that we need to know our Bibles. The one guy was trained and had Bible verses on his phone to prove certain points he was trying to make. Thankfully, I know some of the ways they try and discredit the Bible and I was able to give him the verses after the ones he used to show him the bigger picture.

The Iranian New Year starts on the 21st of March and celebrations usually last 13 days. This is a good opportunity to reach out to Iranians whom we don't have regular contact with.

I am now a Mission Partner with Irish Church Missions (ICM) and will need to raise my own financial support. Thank you to those of you who are already supporting the ministry financially and prayerfully. If you are not supporting the ministry financially at the moment, I would appeal to you to please pray about it and come on board as the Lord leads. I have to remember that God is always bigger than any giant that is blocking our progress.

Father, you love to bless your children. I praise you for all the blessing you pour out on those who give generously. From your glorious riches in Christ, please meet every need of my brothers and sisters who support us prayerfully or financially.

#### Praise and PRAYER POINTS

- Please consider standing in solidarity and love through prayer with our brothers and sisters who are imprisoned because of their love for our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Please pray for our gatherings as a home group in Dublin.
- Please pray for Soheil and his Family.
- Praise the Lord for the Iranian church in Belfast and pray that the believers in Belfast would be light and salt to the other Iranians around them.
- Please pray for Mehdi and his family to grow in their understanding and faith.
- Please also pray for me that I would continue to grow and help others grow in their faith.

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