

Prayer and Praise

Encouraging the Christians in Egypt

In light of the recent acts of violence against the Coptic Christian community of Egypt, SAT-7's Arabic channels have addressed the effects on both local society and the region, and tackled each concern with the light and love of Christ.

A special prayer night for Egypt, from Kasr El Dohara Evangelical Church in Cairo, was recently broadcast live on SAT-7 to entrust all the shock, trauma, and worries of the Christian community to God.

A special episode of the SAT-7 KIDS program *Why Is That?* was broadcast only a few hours following the attack on Christian pilgrims in Minya, Egypt. The episode featured children calling in to talk about their fears of God abandoning them or not answering their prayers. Presenter Essam Nagy gently guided them in prayer and towards forgiveness...

Many Egyptian Christian families have been left traumatised and in need of guidance following the recent violence in Egypt. SAT-7 ARABIC's counselling program for women, *Speak Up*, reached out to mothers of traumatised children, offering support and advice...

SAT-7 ARABIC's current affairs program *Bridges* broadcast a special episode focusing on the various attacks on the Christian community in Egypt, discussing the situation with a variety of guests and presenting different views and opinions...

However, Christians in Egypt need your support in prayer during these difficult times.

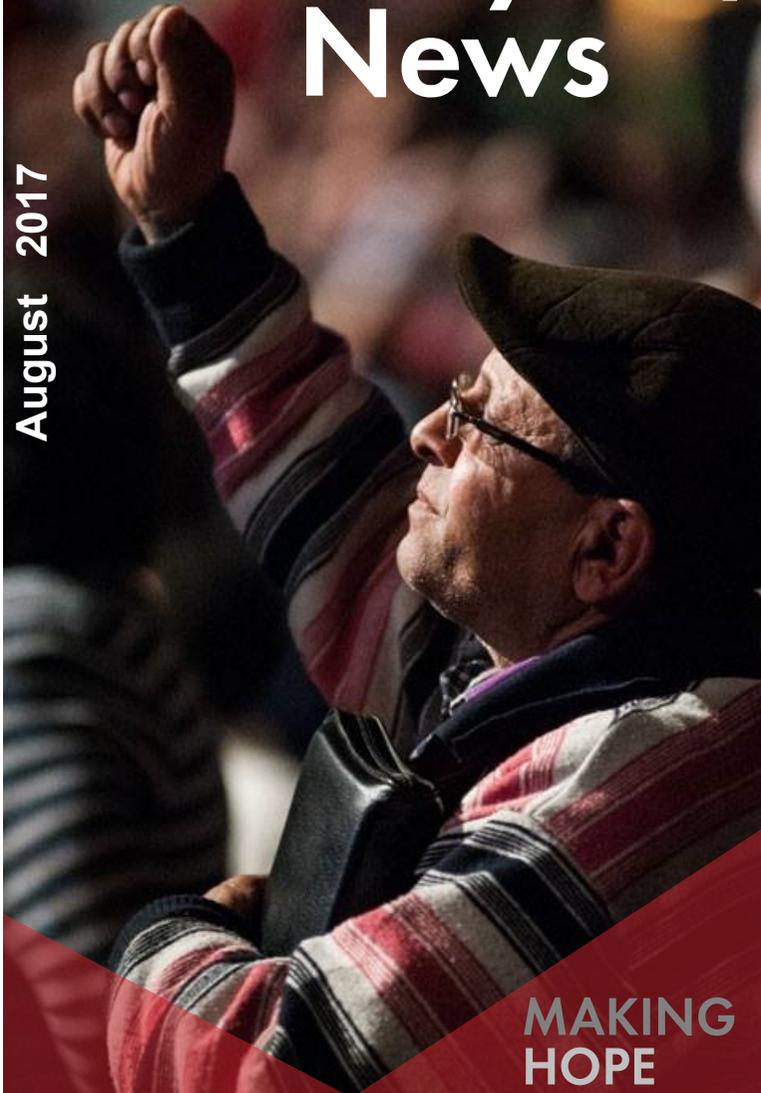
Please pray:

- For the families of those who were martyred during the recent attacks, that they feel God's presence, comfort and love during these times.
- For the attackers, that they experience a change of heart and God's transforming love in their lives.
- For those whose faith has been shaken by these events, that they remain strong in Christ's love for them.



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News from the MENA region

Some worrying news about the church in the region...

Turkey: A change in city zoning plans has led to approximately 100 churches, monasteries and cemeteries belonging to the Syriac Orthodox Church in Turkey's south east being taken over by the state. This includes the lands of the historic Mor Gabriel monastery. There have been many attempts by local authorities to seize its land over the years that were always overruled by the High Court. The fate of these church properties is now uncertain and is adding to Christian fears over the direction of their country.

- Pray that the Lord will bring justice, and also protect and strengthen the Syriac Orthodox and other churches in Turkey.

Iran: Further arrests and harsh sentences for Christians. A court issued its verdict on the cases of three Iranian Christians. Middle East Concern reported that Pastor Victor Tamraz was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, and two other believers, Amin Afshar Naderi and Hadi Asgari, were imprisoned for 15 and 10 years respectively. Charges included "conducting evangelism", "illegal house church activities" and the oft-used charge against Christians of "acting against national security". Their lawyers will appeal the decision.

- Pray for courage for these three men, for their lawyers for wisdom, and that their appeal will be successful.

More encouraging news: **Lebanon** was the setting for *We Will See Wonders*, a three-day gathering for prayer and teaching, attended by 3,000 people and broadcast by SAT-7. The large-scale event was an inspiration to Lebanese Christians who had seen similar mass festivals in Egypt, and united Christians from across the church spectrum.

- Pray that Lebanon will continue as centre of Christian freedom and power, and that these big gatherings will have a lasting effect.



MEET OUR VIEWERS

Please pray for the following viewers while reading their messages:

"I've got some good news for you, news that will lift up high the name of Jesus. I'm really pleased to tell you that my son who suffered from cancer in his spine made it through his operation, and he is now healed. He is walking now. Praise to the Lord who has answered our prayers. I want you to announce this on air and tell everybody that whatever they ask from the Lord in prayer, they will receive it."

A SAT-7 KIDS VIEWER

"I like to call you regularly. Sometimes I call to speak on the live shows; I like the way your presenters speak with the viewers who call. It shows that they care and that they do not care where someone is from or what education they have; they like to hear from all people. I watch all of your live shows; I like the movies and teaching too. Sometimes I watch for 4-5 hours a day. I owe the changes in my life to SAT-7's programs; I don't have any other source, as I have no Christian friends and no Bible."

A MAN FROM A REMOTE VILLAGE IN IRAN

"I started watching SAT-7 PARS about 7 years ago. I heard someone on your channel say, "If you have problems in your life and you have tried different things, it is time to give Jesus a chance; He can change things for you." After hearing these words, I started to watch SAT-7 PARS regularly. I would always watch the programs that Pastor Milton was presenting, because I was a drug addict. My family realised quickly that I had started to change and that we no longer had arguments."

A SAT-7 PARS VIEWER

"My living God, I pray that you will bless and use SAT-7's ministry more and more for the glory of Your name. I am very blessed by watching you on the TV screen; you are truly amazing. I would like to invite you to come to Jordan."

A YOUNG MAN FROM JORDAN

"Your programs are the reason I became a Christian. I started watching your programs when I was 14, and I liked them a lot. I used to watch The King of Arc, where the presenter would sit on a throne and tell Bible stories. Although this program was for younger viewers, I loved to hear the stories, and you helped me understand the love of God. I have so much to thank you for; I am 19 now and so grateful that I got to know Jesus in my teenage years. You have given me the greatest present."

A MAN FROM TEHRAN

"Hello, thank you so much for sending us the story of Adam and Eve. My daughter loved it a lot, and the pictures in the book made the story clear to her. She memorised it and kept holding it and telling it to everybody. I really thank you, because you helped me deliver Christ to my daughter. I hope you can send me more stories that will benefit her. Thank you for your love and cooperation."

A SAT-7 KIDS VIEWER

"Thank you for your prayers and the grace of God. Even though I have been following your wonderful programs for a long time, I still could not understand the true meaning of "salvation". Tonight as I was studying the Bible, I came across some words that suddenly made me understand what salvation means. I am very happy."

NIYOUSHA FROM IRAN THROUGH TELEGRAM APP

"I thank the Lord Jesus for His immense grace in giving me the opportunity to participate in this conference, even if it is through the Internet. It was the first time in my life that I have experienced this; it's such a wonderful and spiritual chance for me."

A WOMAN IN AUSTRALIA WHO WATCHED THE PRAYER CONFERENCE LIVE 2016

"I started watching SAT-7 TÜRK when it was called TÜRK-7 and was broadcasting on SAT-7 PARS for two hours in the morning and the evening. I liked the sermon programs and the kids' programs, even though I didn't have kids back then. Since it changed to SAT-7 TÜRK three years ago, there are more shows and the quality has got better. I really like the live broadcasting and the worship music as well as the other shows. And now I watch the kids' programs with my son. I like SAT-7 TÜRK because as a Christian I like watching programming that I can take ownership of. There is a show on this channel for everyone. No one will ever get bored watching SAT-7 TÜRK."

A SAT-7 TÜRK VIEWER