

Self-reflection through comedy for Turkish viewers

A fun new show on SAT-7 TÜRK is exploring human relationships and behaviour under the microscope of God's word.

Four Seasons uses a series of comedy sketches to portray different situations in the four stages of life: childhood, youth, middle age and old age. The skits demonstrate how at different stages of life we fail to live up to God's design for human relationships, and that we often deny our faults until we see others making the same mistakes.



Seasoned actor and SAT-7 TÜRK's Executive Director, Melih Ekener, stars alongside actress Ece Müderrisoğlu in the comedy. The pair are dressed up — often comically — in different costumes to play all four age groups. Melih said: "I think people understand and remember things better when they watch comedy."

Four Seasons depicts issues such

as separation, money, phobias, relationships and divorce.

Melih believes that often in order to do the right thing, we have to examine the wrong thing.

"You can tell a spouse to not be jealous or controlling," he says. "We explain the outcomes of such negative behaviour in the show, but in our skit we show what jealousy and control look like."

Melih hopes that when viewers observe the humorous scenes from an uninvolved standpoint, they will realise their own mistakes and reflect on what God's Word has to say on the topic.

The 13-episode series of 20-minute shows is due to go on air soon.

Pray

- Pray that this fun and entertaining series will attract viewers in Turkey and help them to grow in their understanding of God's Word.
- Pray that *Four Seasons* will speak to viewers at different stages of life about God's design for their relationships and behaviour. Pray that this will result in godly families that point people to Christ.

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"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine... to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Looking back — and ahead

May 2016 — specifically the 31st — marks 20 years from the date of the first ever SAT-7 broadcast. It is incredible to reflect on how the ministry has grown since those humble beginnings when it took five hours to film only ten minutes of the first programme!

I had the great pleasure of joining 350 staff and supporters from the East and West at SAT-7's annual NETWORK conference in Cyprus in early April to celebrate the ministry's 20th anniversary.

As well as looking back over years of God's blessing and provision, founder and CEO Dr Terence Ascott also addressed the question of SAT-7's relevance today — and in

the coming years. While SAT-7 is branching out onto new media platforms, Dr Ascott highlighted how satellite TV remains the only visual media that can get into people's homes uncensored, and therefore remains very relevant for Christian witness in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

You can join in SAT-7's 20th anniversary celebrations at our UK event, Envision 2016, which is now fast-approaching! Come and hear first-hand from SAT-7 staff inspiring stories of lives being changed across the MENA region. Envision 2016 is at St Aldate's Church, Oxford, on 21 May. Visit www.sat7uk.org/envision2016 for more details and to book.

Yours in Christ,

Rachel Fadipe
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20 YEARS OF
BROADCASTING GOD'S LOVE

New show provides health advice for refugees

Traumatized by war and unable to access healthcare, countless refugees across the MENA region cannot get the help they need to recover from the terrible ordeals they have suffered.

With host governments and aid agencies completely overwhelmed by the vast needs, SAT-7 is using its strategic platform to provide imaginative and alternative forms of support.

We are launching a new programme this month, *Medicine and Life*, that addresses the physical and psychological needs of those who have been displaced from their home.



The programme will air weekly for a year. Each 30-minute episode features expert advice on a range of issues that affect refugees as well as those living in poverty.

The programme will help viewers to overcome symptoms of trauma, such as feelings of anger and fear, and will also deal with the practical health and hygiene challenges of living in a refugee camp or in sub-standard temporary housing.

George Makeen, SAT-7's Arabic Programming Director, said: "People want to take care of their health but they don't have access to healthcare and they don't know whose advice they can trust.

"Refugees are living in circumstances that they are not used to: over-crowding, no heating, freezing winters, no running water, not enough food. Similar issues are facing poor people in the region. So the programme will serve mainly the refugees but a wider audience as well."

Medicine and Life illustrates SAT-7's commitment to holistic programming as we seek to minister to the needs of our viewers in every area of life — especially in light of the severe humanitarian crisis facing the MENA region.

Pray

- Give thanks that many refugee communities are able to access satellite TV, and pray that those who desperately need health advice will be able to watch this new programme.
- Pray that *Medicine and Life* will help refugees with mental and physical health problems to find healing.

Viewer responses shape new series of women's show

Popular women's chat show *Needle and Thread* is back for a new series. And thanks to viewer interactions over three years on air, the team is better equipped to meet their needs and point women "upward to God, the inspirer of change".

It is one of a number of live programmes from SAT-7's Egypt studio that has been able to resume after a six-month hiatus following action by the censorship police in October.

In preparing for the new series, *Needle and Thread* producer Maggie Morgan has been reflecting on viewer responses to previous episodes. She said: "The feedback and the callers showed us that there is a need for people to publicly share stories of hope, especially when they are still in the midst of life circumstances that cause doubt and despair.

"Television audiences are not just bored channel-surfers. Many are stuck in a situation and television is like a window or a way out."

Needle and Thread aims to raise Arab women's aspirations for a better future and helps them take steps towards positive change with God's help.



The presenters, guests and viewers share their experiences on a wide range of issues such as marriage and singleness, motherhood and childlessness, depression, image and career, offering mutual support and encouragement.

The second live episode, on 14 April, tackled the subject of fear. Counsellor Suzy Lotfy gave advice

to callers about how to overcome their anxieties.

Maggie says the new series will feature "more content that points upward to God, the creator and giver of life, the inspirer of change, the one who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly and surprisingly and differently from whatever we ask or think."

Pray

- Praise God that live programmes from SAT-7's Egypt studio can now resume after the case against SAT-7 by the country's censorship police was dropped.
- Pray that God will guide and bless the new series of *Needle and Thread*, and use it to change the lives of many Arab women.