

SAT-7 viewers share their stories

A young Tunisian woman who previously watched SAT-7 in secret on YouTube because of opposition from her mum has shared that her dad has now started watching the channel with her.

Samah* has been in touch with popular children's show *Why is That?* for some time and was moved to tears when her birthday was celebrated on the programme a couple of months ago.

She said her dad saw the episode and "loved it so much". They have since been watching another SAT-7 programme, *GPS*, which is designed to help young viewers navigate their way through the Bible. Samah said that her dad loved that programme too!



- *Pray that God will speak to them as they watch SAT-7, and pray for Samah's mum, that she will soften in her attitude towards SAT-7's Christian programmes.*

An Iranian war veteran who suffered post-traumatic stress for many years has told SAT-7 how he has had "more peace" since he came to know Christ.

Reza*, who fought in the Iran-Iraq war of 1980-88, said he was very depressed and had marital problems that caused him and his wife to separate temporarily twice.

He said: "I used to pray to my God but I never saw any changes in my family life and in myself. However, since I came to Christ, our marital relationship has been improving and I have more peace. I would like to ask you to pray for the insomnia that I have been suffering for many years. I thank God that He has the solution to my problems."

- *Give thanks for the transformation in Reza's life, and pray that Christ's peace will continue to bring healing, especially to Reza's troubled sleep.*

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"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Crying out for peace

The tragic and disturbing events of recent weeks cause us to cry out to God for the people of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Nearly 300 Iraqis lost their lives in Baghdad's deadliest car bombing since the 2003 war on 3 July. And the Afghan capital Kabul suffered its worst suicide bombing since 2001 when at least 80 people died in an attack on 23 July.

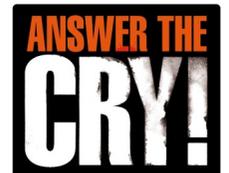
Meanwhile, Turkey is reeling in the aftermath of a failed coup by members of the military on 15 July in which nearly 300 people were killed. Two church buildings were attacked during the hours of lawlessness but it is worth noting that at one of them, Muslim neighbours intervened to stop the perpetrators.

While bad news dominates the headlines from the MENA, SAT-7 continues to broadcast *the Good News* across a region wracked by chaos and destruction. As people cry out for peace, our programmes give local Christians a public platform to witness to the Prince of Peace.

The opportunities for SAT-7 are increasing, and people are responding to what they see and hear. You will read in this month's News and Prayer how our channel for Turkish speakers is expanding, and how Christ brought peace to an Iranian war veteran who suffered post-traumatic stress for many years.

Thank you for your prayers.

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Jordanian children express love for the stranger

Children in Jordan demonstrated Jesus' heart of love for the stranger when they were interviewed on SAT-7 about what they would do if they met a refugee from Syria or Iraq.



"I'd tell him that God loves him and invite him to our house," said a girl named Hotaf.

The children were filmed by popular SAT-7 KIDS show *Why is That?* for an episode that encouraged young viewers to follow Jesus' teaching: "I was a stranger and you invited me

in." (Matthew 25:35).

Bordering both Iraq and Syria, there are over 650,000 registered refugees in Jordan – with hundreds of thousands more unregistered – and the country is struggling to cope.

But the children interviewed for *Why is That?* showed compassion and a desire to help meet the refugees' physical, emotional and spiritual needs. They were also asked to consider what they would do if they were in the refugees' shoes. One boy said, "I'd ask God for help, and hope that people would help me."

"I'd gather my friends and collect money for him, and give him some of our things that we don't use."

A young boy from Jordan

Why is That? producer and presenter Essam Nagy wanted to go to Jordan to hear directly from the children there how they perceive the refugees in their midst. He also interviewed refugee families about their experiences and challenges, alternating these with the Jordanian children's comments to compare their responses.

Pray

- Praise God for the compassion of these children towards refugees in their country. Pray that others – including ourselves – will learn from their Christ-like example.
- Pray that this and other SAT-7 programmes will be a powerful witness to Christ's love and care for all people.

New audience for SAT-7's Turkish channel!

SAT-7's channel for Turkish viewers is now available to four–five million people on a private subscription TV service.

SAT-7 TÜRK, which became the first Christian channel on Turkey's national satellite Türksat at the beginning of 2015, is now also available on D-Smart. The digital satellite platform broadcasts its own channels with SAT-7 TÜRK becoming the 157th in the listings.

Broadcasting Manager Gökhan Talas said: "This is a new and big step for SAT-7 TÜRK. The miracle of our channel is still ongoing. These are difficult days for our country but this is one of the reasons we are here and serving the people. God is working."

It comes amidst heightened anxieties in Turkey following the failed coup by members of the military on 15 July, and gives the country's small Christian community an enlarged opportunity to be salt and light to fellow citizens.

SAT-7 TÜRK is developing its programming to attract a wider audience. It is currently focusing on new live shows, which offer the opportunity to interact with viewers. A two-hour daily morning programme for children recently went on air. *Morning Joy* is packed full of drama, arts and crafts, cartoons and Bible teaching segments aimed at 5 to 12-year-olds. And a new live show for women began on 11 July. Host Ayda Danacıoğlu takes phone calls and prayer requests from viewers as she discusses challenging life issues on the programme.



Pray

- Give thanks for the potential new audience for SAT-7 TÜRK on D-Smart. Pray that Christians in Turkey will not only be protected but be salt and light to help bring healing to the country at this time.
- Pray for the new live shows for children and women, that they will communicate Christian truth in an accessible way.