



# Uplink

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## Martyrs' mother speaks of forgiveness and faith

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*Christian woman from Upper Egypt*



## Welcome



We live in a world of constant change and challenge but also one of hope. This issue of *Uplink* is full of real stories of both challenge and hope – in often

very hard places.

How is it possible to forgive when your children are horrifically martyred or when you're forced by Islamic State to flee your home?

How could you, as a SAT-7 producer, experience God's blessing in a place of fear, or when unfairly accused entrust your future into God's hands?

SAT-7 is there to make God's love visible for people, especially when life is hard. When their cry is deafening, we continue to bring the Good News of Jesus into millions of otherwise inaccessible homes across the Middle East and North Africa. I hope that as you read you'll be inspired by the people behind the stories and moved to pray for them.

At the back of this issue we also ask if you could help us to share these stories so that more people can help us **Answer the Cry**. Thank you so much for your support.

Yours in Him

**ANSWER THE CRY!**

**Rachel Fadipe**

Executive Director, SAT-7 Trust

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"I used to be scared of Daesh [Islamic State] but Jesus filled my heart and filled it with joy and peace." *Nouh, see page 7*



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# MARTYRS' MOTHER SPEAKS OF FORGIVENESS AND FAITH

## Celebration recognises bereaved mother as "living beacon"

An Egyptian mother whose adult children's lives were stolen by terrorists was a special guest at *Beacon of Light* – a gala event to mark 20 years of SAT-7's dedication to giving a voice to the region's Christians.

In an evening filled with musical performances by leading Egyptian Christian singers and choirs, clips showing highlights of SAT-7's broadcasting and speeches by national church leaders, the night's longest applause came for an elderly widow from Upper Egypt.

Mrs Isis Ghattas Dawood is the mother of Coptic Christians Bishop and Samuel Estafanus Kamel, two of the 21 Egyptians beheaded on a Libyan beach in February 2015 by so-called Islamic State (IS). The night after IS released a video of their deaths, Mrs Dawood's oldest son, Bashir – who also attended *Beacon of Light* – spoke live on SAT-7, saying their painful ordeal had made the family "stronger in our faith because the Bible tells us to love our enemies and bless those who curse us."

On 30 May, a 600-strong audience at the Anba Rweis Theatre in Cairo's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral watched a video of Mrs Dawood speak of her faith in God. Millions more saw her testimony broadcast live from the event on SAT-7's Arabic channel.

Mrs Dawood voiced her forgiveness and said she prayed for the killers of her two younger sons. Speaking of how they had chosen martyrdom rather than renounce their faith, she said she would not be afraid to make the same choice: "If my children weren't scared, why would I be?"

Many audience members left their seats to hug or shake hands with Mrs Dawood, including Muslim Sheikh Abdel Fattah Abdel Kader, Coordinator of The Egyptian Family House, which promotes



SAT-7 Egypt's Director, Farid Samir, honours Mrs Dawood

inter-religious cooperation.

Mrs Dawood was applauded again when she was invited to the stage to receive a special award topped with a beacon-shaped flame. Selected SAT-7 staff members past and present, Christian directors and writers, and heads of partner Egyptian ministries also received awards for their work and contribution to the TV network's growth and impact.

Dr Terence Ascott, Founder and International CEO of SAT-7, said: "It has been a great privilege for SAT-7 to provide the Church with a platform to speak into situations [like this]: to share stories of the Church-in-action, testimonies of forgiveness and grace, and to provide the Church with a way to help those who have lost their families, their homes and those who have even lost their faith."

## PRAY

Pray for believers who are persecuted, that watching SAT-7 will provide spiritual strength and encouragement.

Read more – cry of the persecuted: [www.sat7uk.org/strength](http://www.sat7uk.org/strength)



# ALEPPO BETWEEN DARKNESS AND LIGHT

Bonds of faith and love are uniting Christians in serving their fellow suffering citizens in Aleppo. A SAT-7 film crew visited the Syrian city a week after some of the worst destruction of the five-year war.

The SAT-7 team ventured into areas that had been struck only days before in a series of severe attacks, which locals termed “the bloody week”. They conducted interviews in rubble-strewn streets that were at times only 100 metres from the line of fire.

But amidst the darkness of destruction and death, they saw multiple examples of churches being the light of Christ, providing vital practical services ranging from medical care to fresh water. And SAT-7 witnessed believers of all churches uniting in prayer in response to an urgent call after the week of bloodshed.

SAT-7 recorded and broadcast these stories in a powerful two-and-a-half-hour documentary, *Aleppo between Darkness and Light*.

The film began as the crew picked their way through a ghost town of deserted squares and shopping districts and the shells of destroyed churches. Nearby they found the first sign of a serving, witnessing church.

In the mainly Armenian district of

El-Midan, Fr Gomidas Dadaghlian of the Armenian Catholic Church said most of the local population had fled during the course of the war. The high school that once taught 3,000 students was destroyed, along with local primary schools. But 120 families remain. The school bus from the high school has become an ambulance, and the church prepares meals daily for those who need them.

## Thousands of lives saved

A Christian group that provides a wide range of services in many parts of the city is the Living Hope Association. Some 58 churches participate in its work. One essential project it runs is the Isaac Water Well Drilling Service. This was begun in 2012 by Dr Jany Haddad, pastor of Aleppo Baptist Church, to ensure a continuing water supply if civic services failed. When water shortages struck Aleppo at the end of 2014, it saved thousands of lives. Twenty water wells drilled in the grounds of churches and monasteries supplied water to 200,000 people a day. Today

the project sustains some 8,000 households a week.

Dr Haddad also set up a medical centre, which opened last year to serve an area frequently hit by missiles. The centre offers dentistry, maternity and paediatric care as well as other specialities. Another Living Hope project supports more than 80 widows and 180 orphans.

## Widows share faith

The SAT-7 crew attended one of the women’s prayer meetings and heard moving accounts of their faith in adversity.

One woman told them: **“I want to thank SAT-7 for attending this widows of war meeting. We suffer from the absence of our partners. We act as mothers and fathers. There are many difficulties but we have a principle not to weaken but to walk in God’s path, the path of peace and light, just as Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.’”**

One widow spoke of having to overcome the trauma of losing her husband when a missile hit their family-run shop: “We were there together. I left but my husband was still inside when a missile struck our store. People advised me against going back to the store but I refused because I believe God protects me and I must go and work for the sake of my children.”

A survivor who lost an eye and sustained arm injuries said she has to go on working for the sake of her son despite being in pain. But the widows of war prayer meeting is strengthening her faith.

Fr Dadaghlian serves the 120 families who remain in Aleppo



Water of life: street taps provided by churches have saved thousands of lives

## God’s Protection

*Aleppo between Darkness and Light* also visited a social service centre run by the Orthodox Sunday School. Founded 60 years ago, it has faced some of the greatest demands for its services in the last five years. It provides discounted items such as children’s nappies, food and clothes, alongside medical and health advice and training.

Director George Tayyar told SAT-7 they have seen God’s protection: “We have difficulties in amenities and provisions and even in moving around the city but we pray and we believe God hears our prayers and will provide for His

people even in the most difficult circumstances.”

A major hospital was hit in a blast the week before SAT-7 arrived. Dr Mohamed Dabbit, General Manager of the Obstetrics and Maternity Hospital, said three women died in the bombing and a pregnant woman was injured but survived. He said: “It felt like the end of the world. There was the noise of falling ceilings, shattering glass and screaming everywhere.”

Even so, God protected many lives because the school next to the hospital was on holiday and the children were at home.

Maysaa Salloum, who produced

the documentary, said: “When we heard that Aleppo was burning and being destroyed, we couldn’t believe it, but we can see it’s a reality.” Nevertheless, she added: “This is not the end of Aleppo. We came to Aleppo to pray and give a reflection of what is happening on the ground to others. We came to show how God is working in Aleppo through the activities of the churches and humanitarian organisations.”

Dr Tayyar of the Orthodox Sunday School centre said how much the visit had meant to the community:

**“Thank you for coming to Aleppo and supporting us, especially after the week that was the most difficult for us in five years. Thank you, SAT-7. Your support gives us strength.”**

Below: “Weary and burdened” rely on Christ at war widows’ prayer meeting



# FLEEING TERRORISTS, FINDING JESUS

*Iraqi refugee children tell their stories on SAT-7*

*“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” (Genesis 50:20)*

The words of Joseph echo down through the ages as people of faith see the good hand of God in the most dreadful of situations.

The refugee crisis in the Middle East and North Africa is undoubtedly a dreadful situation. Seemingly endless conflict and barbaric terrorist violence have driven millions from their homes.

Half of the region’s refugees are children. These frightened youngsters have witnessed horrors that no child should have to see. They have had to leave behind everything they’ve ever known. Children are crying out for peace.

But God is at work in the most unlikely of situations, drawing young people to Himself and giving them new life and new hope in Christ.

SAT-7 has had the great privilege of being able to broadcast the extremely moving testimonies of refugee children whose lives were thrown into turmoil as Daesh (Islamic State) rampaged through Iraq, showing that what was intended for harm, God intended for good...



## THE CHILDREN’S CRY FOR PEACE

### “JESUS FILLED MY HEART WITH PEACE”

Nouh, a young boy from Iraq, told SAT-7 that “when Daesh came... I was very afraid that they would kill us because we heard they killed many people.”

His family fled to Lebanon, where they were welcomed and supported by a local church. Nouh explained that though his family were of Christian heritage, they didn’t know Jesus personally.

“We got introduced to many people who love Jesus Christ,” Nouh said. “I now have many friends who love Jesus.”

The turning point for Nouh came at a Christian holiday camp, where he came to trust in Christ for himself. He described the impact this had on his life:

“After the camp I stopped doing all the bad things I used to do. I used to be scared of Daesh but Jesus filled my heart and filled it with joy and peace. I began giving praise to God and reading the Bible.”



Despite all that Nouh and his family have suffered and lost, he said he is glad: “I am very happy that I came to Lebanon and learned about Jesus. Now I know that Jesus takes care of all the details in my life.”

WATCH

[www.sat7uk.org/Nouh](http://www.sat7uk.org/Nouh)



### “I FORGAVE DAESH”

Azraa from the Nineveh Valley in Iraq told SAT-7 how she and her family – like thousands threatened by Daesh militants – had to flee to Iraqi Kurdistan.

With tears welling up in her eyes, the young girl said: “We used to wonder why God did this to us and why we were forcibly displaced. Why did He allow this?”

“But we found out it was the opposite and that God cares for us... He did a lot for us and protected us from Daesh.”

Azraa described how her family had “lived a life away from God”, but when they went to Kurdistan, they were welcomed by a church that gave them shelter and looked after them. The witness of the church family made a great impression on the youngster.

She said: “They used to pray and praise a lot and sing and clap happily. I could see a lot of change going on and liberation. I prayed to God saying, ‘God I want to change and be liberated too.’”

God heard Azraa’s prayer and brought transformation to her life. His love and forgiveness



enabled her to forgive the terrorists who had forced her to flee her home.

Azraa told SAT-7: “I thought I was a good person because I did good things. When I came to know the Lord, I realised that this was wrong and that I did many wrong things but God forgave me. The same goes for Daesh: God is willing to forgive them.”

“I forgave Daesh because they are sinners who don’t know God.”

WATCH

[www.sat7uk.org/Azraa](http://www.sat7uk.org/Azraa)



# PEBBLE TOWERS IN A REFUGEE CAMP

SAT-7 UK's Dave Mann recently visited a refugee camp in Lebanon. Here, he describes a poignant encounter with one of the young refugees...

She stood out from the rest. Not because she was cute – around 5 years old with blond hair and a little round face – but because she looked so very, very sad.

The other refugee children in the camp in the hills of northern Lebanon, 20km from the Syrian border, were playing and having fun like children the world over. A casual onlooker would not have known they'd fled the horror of war in Syria.

But this little girl seemed distant from the others as if in her own world, caught up with her own thoughts.

The refugee settlement was home to 20 families from Aleppo, Hama and Homs who had crossed into Lebanon six months ago. They'd managed to hang on through five years of civil war but the attrition of daily bombing and killing eventually wore them down.

## Abandoned by her mother

I wanted to know more about the little girl. All the children in the camp had seen and experienced

terrifying things but why was she so much sadder? An aid worker explained that the girl was alone, abandoned by her mother shortly after crossing into Lebanon, and no one knows what happened to her father. Little wonder that this beautiful child was so sad – and who knows what else she's seen and experienced? Another family in the camp had generously taken her in. But for how long?

The noon-day sun was strong. The little girl sat in the shade of a wall, staring at the ground. I sat beside her. She didn't acknowledge me. I touched her arm but, again, no response. I felt compelled to pray quietly over her, asking God to show his compassion and lift the burdens from her so she could begin to live as a normal child again.

Trying one last time to get a reaction, I began building a tower of balanced pebbles. The little girl showed no interest – until the tower fell over – but even then she simply turned her head to look at the stones. I tried again, another

tower, and this time she tentatively reached out and touched the stones to make them fall! For a few minutes this became the pattern: I'd build a tower and when it was four or five stones high, she would quietly knock it over.

## A school building but no teachers

Later, the other children showed me a wooden school building constructed by an aid agency some months before but there were no teachers so it was hardly used. They sat at the desks, pretending they



were in class, laughing and singing. And then the little girl came through the door, hesitantly at first but with the glimmer of a spark in her eyes. She sat at a desk, watching the other children until, eventually, she too was joining in the fun and games.

UNICEF recently reported that 13

million children in the Middle East can't go to school because of war. I don't know what the future holds for the little girl with the round face or her friends in the wooden school building, but I remember them all as I pray for the millions of refugee children across Lebanon and the Middle East.



## PRAY

Pray that children whose lives are being destroyed by war, violence and hatred will hear and understand the Gospel of peace as they watch SAT-7's programmes.

Read more – cry of the children [www.sat7uk.org/peace](http://www.sat7uk.org/peace)



## HOPE AND HELP FOR REFUGEES

With war and atrocities in Syria and Iraq seeming to have no end and life as a refugee offering few prospects, we asked Dave, "Is there any hope for this generation?"

Dave: "I think there is. Nearly every refugee tent I saw had a satellite dish on the top. For these displaced families satellite TV is not a luxury, it's their window to the world, especially for the illiterate, and it's a source of entertainment for children who have little else. It also means that SAT-7's programmes can bring the love and peace of Christ to those whose lives have been devastated by the horrors of war.

"That's why SAT-7 is working hard to produce new shows specifically for refugees that will help to address their particular needs. One example is a new show called *Medicine and Life*, which addresses both physical and psychological problems. It deals with the practical health and hygiene challenges of living in a refugee camp, and provides

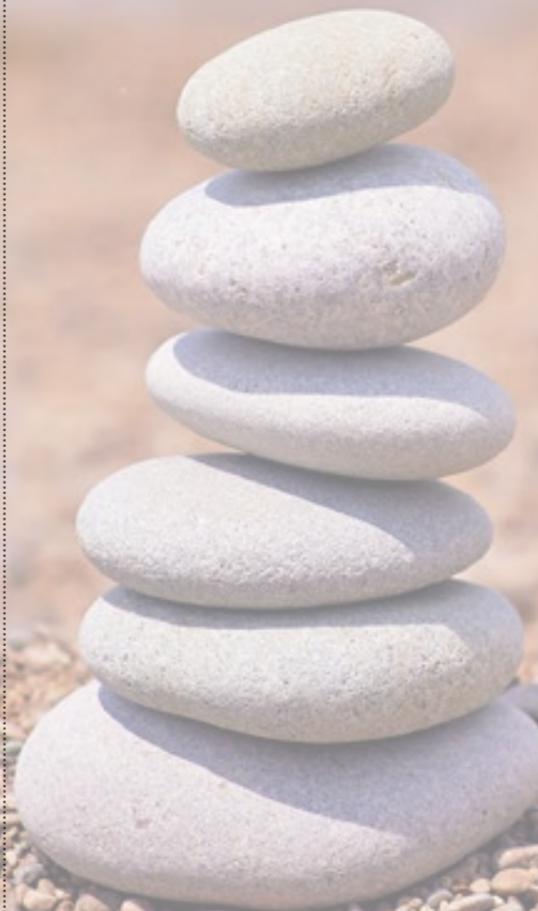
expert advice to help viewers overcome symptoms of trauma.

"And our children's channel SAT-7 KIDS is directly addressing the desperate educational needs highlighted by UNICEF. The current series of our programme *My School* is providing daily lessons in maths, Arabic, English and science for 5 to 7-year-olds. It's not dependent on children having access to school buildings or teachers. Any child can tune in to SAT-7 KIDS and watch *My School* and learn! We're planning to develop more educational programmes for a wider age range.

"The number of refugees is huge

and the needs are overwhelming. But – with your support – SAT-7 is able to reach millions of the most desperate people in the world with God's love and practical information to help them overcome at least some of their difficulties. So yes, I do believe that there is hope for this generation – and we are part of the answer."

*"Nearly every tent I saw had a satellite dish"*



ANSWER THE CRY!

## FACING JAIL, TRUSTING IN GOD

For Farid Samir, SAT-7's Executive Director in Egypt, the cost of answering the cry has from time to time involved visits from the police department.

But action by the censorship police last October was the most serious. SAT-7 equipment worth more than £65,000 was seized and Farid temporarily detained. He was left facing multiple investigations over broadcasting licences and the real possibility that he could be imprisoned for many years for allegedly breaking new media laws.

Throughout the three and a half months of investigations, Farid knew his innocence but couldn't be sure of the outcome or how the charges would affect SAT-7.

Amid these pressures, Farid (described as "resilient" by an independent producer who works with SAT-7) left his future in God's hands.

### Encouragement from God

"Many encouraging things happened," Farid explained. "During the first night when I was in prison, a friend came to visit me and loaned me his phone so I could call my family. They didn't know exactly what was happening to me, but my 11-year-old daughter encouraged me with this verse from Joshua 1:9, **'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'**

"That really touched my heart," he said with a smile. "God wanted me to be encouraged through my daughter."

SAT-7's viewers rallied behind



Farid Samir

the ministry, changing their profile pictures on Facebook to the SAT-7 logo and sending messages of support. One said, "SAT-7 is more precious to me now, feeling we could lose it."

### Answered prayer

Farid knew too that Christians around the world were praying for the case against him and SAT-7 to be dismissed – prayers that were answered in February this year.

"I want to thank the Body of Christ around the world who prayed, who united with us during this time of hardship," he said. "Being on their knees for us made this difference."

Farid said that relying on God throughout the ordeal has strengthened the SAT-7 team in Egypt:

"I have learned through this experience and similar experiences that Jesus did not promise us that we will not face troubles, but he promised us that he will be with us through the troubles.

"We see that things are not becoming easier for the Body of Christ in the Middle East but we are learning to be stronger with the mercy of God."

WATCH

[www.sat7uk.org/Farid](http://www.sat7uk.org/Farid)



## "I WAS AFRAID OF GOING TO IRAQ"

SAT-7 presenter and producer Essam Nagy recalls filming the children's cry for peace.

How would you feel travelling to a country embroiled in a war with one of history's most ruthless militant groups, Islamic State? Essam Nagy, more familiar to SAT-7 KIDS viewers as Mr Know, described the fears he experienced when he set off for the first of two visits to Iraqi refugees in the northern Kurdish region.

Looking back, Essam said, it was "the trip that changed my personal life", but his mood on leaving home for Cairo airport was troubled. "It was not easy to go to Iraq," he said. "I was afraid because of all the things going on there that were being reported in the news."

In his anxiety, Essam turned to God and His word: "I was asking God, 'What would you like me to do there?' I opened the Bible on a very very special verse, Isaiah 19:23-25, and I saw what was on God's heart:

**"In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together... The Lord Almighty will bless them, saying, 'Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance.'"**

"The key for me was that Egyptians will go to Assyria," Essam said. "This helped me from holding back."

### Experiencing God's blessing

Essam spent two days filming with young Assyrian Christian refugees from Mosul, and certainly experienced God's blessing on the trip.

He quickly gathered moving testimonies of faith and forgiveness from children who had

been driven from their homes by Islamic State militants.

Among them was a powerful interview with ten-year-old Myriam that went on to be shown and talked about around the world.

### Eager to return

Encouraged by God's Word in Isaiah and the experience of his first visit to Iraqi Kurdistan, Essam did not hesitate to return a year later, in November 2015.

Reflecting on the passage again, Essam said: "Before, I couldn't figure out what 'Assyria my handiwork' meant. But when I went to Iraq, I saw God's handiwork: these children are the real handiwork of God."

After overcoming his fears and uncertainty about visiting Iraq, Essam saw God use the testimony of these young believers in a remarkable way.

"We should nurture them, give them hope and, more than that, we need to give them a voice," he said. "There are many, many more Myriams, and with your help and contributions we can bring more hope to the world from such a war-torn region. This is what makes me so passionate about doing this work and keeping on doing it."

Essam with Myriam and other Iraqi children



# THE COST OF ANSWERING THE CRY

ANSWER THE CRY!

As western Christians, we can too easily imagine that SAT-7's Middle Eastern staff have grown immune to the pressures they face in troubled and sectarian societies. Two of our high-profile Egyptian staff dispelled this myth when they talked about some recent challenges they have faced on the frontline of the ministry.



## SUPPORTERS ENCOURAGED TO “PULL BACK THE BOW” AT ENVISION 2016

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at Envision 2016! Over 200 supporters and friends gathered at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, on 21 May to hear what God is doing in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) through SAT-7's unique TV ministry.

Speakers included SAT-7's founder and International CEO, Dr Terence Ascott, Chief Channels and Communications Officer, Rita Elmounayer, SAT-7 PARS presenter Nikoo Ordodary and others who shared exciting insights into how SAT-7's programmes are addressing important issues faced by men, women and children in the troubled region.

We were delighted to have SAT-7's first-ever donor with us at Envision. Rob Ferguson and his wife Ros shared that the reason they give is because SAT-7's programmes are

made by local believers – rather than westerners – which they see as vital. “Every time I write a cheque I feel excited about giving,” Rob said.

He went on to say: “As we were praying at the beginning [of Envision] I had this vision of an archer standing in front of a target pulling the bow back. And the more it comes back, it begins to hurt. Giving is like that. The further back you pull – the bigger the cheque – the more it hurts. But you've got to think, ‘Where is it going to land?’ SAT-7 is directing the arrow to the target. What we've got to do is pull the arrow right back and let it go. Let our money be used by the Lord. That's what motivates us.”

Ros expressed how she loves hearing about the children's work: “When I hear about what you do, and when I see the programmes, I just thank the Lord for what you're

doing, and for the tremendous impact on young lives. That's the target I love to think of.”

As 2016 marks SAT-7's 20th year of broadcasting God's love, we took the opportunity to look back at what God has done as well as look forward to the challenges ahead.

**At Envision we launched our Answer the Cry campaign, which highlights some of the heartfelt cries we are hearing from the MENA and how SAT-7 is uniquely placed to answer them.** As the region is torn apart by unrelenting violence, the cries of our viewers are louder than ever.

### RESPOND



To read all about the campaign and to watch a gripping video visit [www.answerthecry.org](http://www.answerthecry.org)



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# ANSWER THE CRY!



## DAY OF PRAYER

### SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2016

#### Be part of our global day of prayer.

Every year people from around the world come together to pray for SAT-7's ministry. Please join us in praying, because...

#### Even though women cry out for worth...

...we believe in a God who brings wholeness.

#### Even though angry young men cry out for meaning...

...we believe in a God who gives life in abundance.

#### Even though frightened children cry out for peace...

...we believe in a God who wipes away every tear.

#### Even though persecuted believers cry out for strength...

...we believe in a God who walks with those in the midst of suffering.

#### Even though the cry is deafening...

...SAT-7 Christian television continues to bring the Good News of Jesus into millions of otherwise inaccessible homes across the Middle East. We are there – every day – 24/7.

“SAT-7 has encouraged and empowered the Church in the Middle East and North Africa in its life, work and witness for over 20 years. We need your prayers and support more than ever before as hundreds of people turn to us every day searching for worth, strength, meaning and peace.”

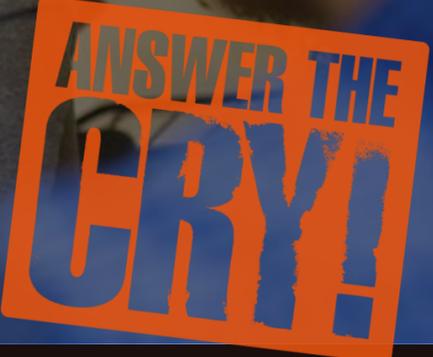
Rachel Fadipe,  
Executive Director, SAT-7 UK

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# SAT-7 NEEDS YOU!

Thanks to the efforts of our supporters up and down the country, awareness of SAT-7's ministry is growing. But there is more potential interest out there and we need your help to spread the word about what God is doing through SAT-7 – and the time is ripe!



Earlier this year, Christian Research investigated awareness of SAT-7 in the UK. We have compared the results with those of a similar survey conducted in 2014 and found some encouraging trends.

### Awareness is growing

Of the 1,200 Christians surveyed this year, 29% said they thought they had heard of SAT-7 – up from 22% in 2014.

Not only have more people heard of SAT-7, but they are also better informed about what we do and where we work:

- In 2016, 70% of those who had heard of SAT-7 said we did "television broadcasting", compared to 60% in 2014.
- In 2016, 86% said we operated in the Middle East compared to 70% in 2014.

### There's more support out there!

Support – and potential support – for SAT-7 is also on the rise. In 2014, 2% of those surveyed said they supported SAT-7. This increased

#### AWARENESS OF SAT-7



#### KNOWN FOR TV



#### KNOWN FOR MIDDLE EAST



#### CURRENTLY SUPPORT SAT-7



#### SUPPORT FOR SAT-7 IN FUTURE



#### PRAY REGULARLY FOR MENA



to 4% in 2016. Perhaps even more encouraging is the increase in the percentage of those who said they would consider supporting SAT-7 in future – 31% compared to 26% in 2014. And the age group most interested in potentially supporting SAT-7 is the youngest (16-34).

### The time is ripe

It is perhaps unsurprising given the rise of Islamic State, the escalating refugee crisis and the relentless war in Syria that respondents' level of interest in learning about the Middle East has intensified since 2014. This year, 39% of people said they were "very interested", compared to 22% in 2014. And this interest is matched by people's prayers, with 40% saying this year that they prayed "regularly" for the situation in the Middle East, up from 25% in 2014.

So now is the time, when the Middle East is very clearly on people's hearts, to introduce them to the ministry of SAT-7. No doubt they are very aware of the region's problems and crises, but do they know that God is at work there, witnessing through His people and changing lives?

In both the 2014 and 2016 surveys, "via a friend/family member" was the second highest means by which people came to hear of SAT-7 (with Christian press top). So those conversations over coffee at church and the literature you pass on really do make a difference. Thank you for everything you do to spread the word about SAT-7!

We have prepared new resources to help you share SAT-7 with others:

- **Answer the Cry campaign pack**  
Can you think of a couple of people you know who would be interested to hear more about how SAT-7 is answering the cries of men, women and children across the Middle East and North Africa?
- **Answer the Cry campaign DVD**  
A powerful short film that shows how a hopeless Iranian woman's life was turned around through SAT-7's ministry. Could you show it to your small group or church?

**ORDER YOUR PACK AT:**  
[www.sat7uk.org/answer-the-cry-order](http://www.sat7uk.org/answer-the-cry-order)  
or use the tear-off response form,  
or call 01249 765865

## WANT TO DO MORE?

SAT-7 UK's new Regional Development Manager, Karin Needham, would love to talk to you about how you can get involved, and she is here to help you with ideas, resources and opportunities.



She said: "Word of mouth is one of the most effective ways of promoting a particular cause, and I'm really looking forward to working with volunteers throughout the UK to share the exciting message about what God is doing in the Middle East and North Africa through SAT-7's unique ministry."

If you would like to do more to spread the word about SAT-7, perhaps you could consider:

- **Booking a speaker for your church, mission event or group meeting?** We have a network of trained speakers who would be delighted to visit you! If it's hard to find space in your church's calendar, why not think about putting on a special event or working with other churches in your area?
- **Joining our volunteer Ambassador team.** There are different types of roles to suit different gifts, experience and amounts of time available. Church Ambassadors promote SAT-7 within their own fellowship; Speaker Ambassadors talk to different groups about the ministry; Regional Ambassadors represent SAT-7 within a specific area of the UK.

Contact Karin to explore what might work for you and your group.  
Email: [karin@sat7uk.org](mailto:karin@sat7uk.org)



## Yes, I want to Answer the Cry...

Name

Address

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#### Enclosed is my gift of

£

*(cheques made payable to SAT-7 Trust)*

#### I have made a payment of

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directly into SAT-7's bank account  
*(no. 20202794 sort code 60-83-01)*

Credit card donations can be made by phone on **01249 765865**

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#### I wish to set up a standing order or change my regular giving to ensure SAT-7's ministry continues

Direct debits can be set up online at [www.sat7uk.org/give](http://www.sat7uk.org/give)

I would like to set up a new standing order of

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To the manager

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Account Number

Sort Code  -  -

Signature

Date

Please pay SAT-7 Trust, Unity Trust Bank 60-83-01) for the credit of account number 20164706, the amount stated above until further notice, quoting Ref No.  (to be completed by SAT-7 Trust).

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**Will you Answer the Cry...  
...through a gift today?**

SAT-7 operates entirely on donations; the support of people like you believing in what we are doing. We need your help...

**A donation of £50 will pay for SAT-7 to reach and respond to 30 people every day for a year.**

**Will you Answer the Cry...  
...through praying and keeping in touch?**

Join us in praying that God will continue to move in the hearts of men, women and children as they hear the Good News through SAT-7's programmes.

**Will you Answer the Cry...  
...through sharing this campaign with friends  
and your local church?**

Sharing this campaign will enable more people to Answer the Cry – helping us to make new programmes and respond to more men, women and children across the region.

I would like to order more copies of the *Answer the Cry* pack.

Number of copies

I would like a DVD copy of the campaign video\*.

I would like to find out more about hosting a Big Watch event. Please send me a Big Watch Pack.

•video can also be viewed at [www.answerthecry.org](http://www.answerthecry.org)

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**Gift Aid it and increase the value of your gift.**

**If you are a UK taxpayer SAT-7 can reclaim at least 25% in every £1 you give.**

Tick here to confirm that you are a UK tax payer and would like all your donations, past, present and future to SAT-7 to be treated as Gift Aid donations.

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**SAT-7 Trust**

PO Box 3941

Chippenham, SN15 9HQ

**Thank you!**

The information given will be used by us to keep you informed of the ways that SAT-7 is working to support the Church in the Middle East and North Africa. Should you not wish us to do so please phone us on **01249 765865** or email **respond@sat7uk.org**. We never sell the details of our supporters but occasionally we may wish to introduce you to the work of other Christian agencies worthy of your support and prayers. If you would rather not receive such information please tick this box



**Enjoy watching films?**



**Want to share SAT-7 with your friends?**



**Then the BIG WATCH is for you!**

Quite simply, it's a film night either in your home or another venue to which you can invite your friends or house group. SAT-7 will provide you with a copy of *Closure*, a powerful film that has been shown on our Farsi channel (it is sub-titled in English!), along with other resources for a great evening that will inspire your guests.

**To order a Big Watch pack complete the response coupon opposite or call 01249 765865 [www.sat7uk.org/big-watch](http://www.sat7uk.org/big-watch)**

**This is an enjoyable and easy way to introduce others to SAT-7's unique ministry, which is bringing Christ's message of love, hope and peace into the living rooms of millions of people across the Middle East and North Africa.**

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