

SETTING A HEALTHY EXAMPLE

Hamid and Aya, a Moroccan father and daughter, model what a healthy parent-daughter relationship should look like through their SAT-7 KIDS programme *Me and My Daughter*.

In a patriarchal society where fathers are authority figures to be respected and feared, children are rarely encouraged to ask questions. Sons are often favoured above daughters, who are seldom empowered to strive for anything more than to be a good wife and mother.

Hamid, a Moroccan father, and Aya his teenage daughter, offer a different example through their SAT-7 KIDS show *Me and My Daughter*.



Now in its third season, this inspiring programme showcases the complexities of a father-daughter relationship. Hamid and Aya re-enact their daily struggles with each other on screen through comedy, drama, song and Bible readings.

“We are acting what we are living,” says Hamid. “We talk about clothes, studying, lying, and other such everyday topics. In our last episode we held a discussion about asking questions. In MENA society children cannot ask questions. They are only allowed to listen and obey.”

“I would like kids to learn how to be more comfortable with their fathers,” shares Aya. “I would like them to know that it’s okay to disagree sometimes; it’s normal!”

Viewers from across the region often get in touch via social media, sharing how the programme has impacted their families. One mother posted on Facebook, “Mothers be aware of what your children watch on TV that damage your efforts to raise them with good values. I recommend *Me and My Daughter* to all parents!” ■

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PRAY

Monday 26 November

Thank God for the godly example that Hamid and Aya provide to viewers. Thank Him for their vulnerability and honesty in sharing their everyday struggles.

Tuesday 27 November

Pray that families across the Middle East and North Africa will tune in to *Me and My Daughter* on SAT-7 KIDS and that their relationships will start to be transformed.

Wednesday 28 November

Pray that the predominant culture will start to shift, to allow children to ask their heartfelt questions and voice their opinions.

Thursday 29 November

Pray that cultural attitudes towards girls are challenged through programmes like *Me and My Daughter*. Pray particularly for father-daughter relationships across the region.

Friday 30 November

“God sets the lonely in families” (Psalm 68:6). Thank God for your ‘family’ - whether that’s those you are related to, your church community, or a friendship group. Ask that He will bless and strengthen your relationships.

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NEWS AND PRAYER

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SAT-7 WEEK OF PRAYER

4-11 NOVEMBER

FAITHFUL WITNESS IN A CHANGING WORLD

This week is a special Week of Prayer for SAT-7, during which thousands of people around the globe will join together to pray for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

Our theme this year is ‘faithful witness in a changing world’. For centuries, MENA Christians have stayed faithful despite conflicts, turmoil, and persecution. As a satellite broadcaster, able to cross borders and reach people in the most isolated places, we want to encourage and inspire believers to stay faithful to Christ in challenging and changing times.



Sun 4 November:

Faithful witness to the lonely

Many believers in the MENA are isolated from the Church. Pray that SAT-7 reaches all these individuals, and that they would find other believers in their communities.

Monday 5 November:

Faithful witness to the illiterate

The MENA region is facing an educational crisis, with illiteracy rates at 72 per cent in some countries. Pray that SAT-7 is able to support those who need holistic education.

Tuesday 6 November:

Faithful witness through oppression

To be a Christian in the MENA often means to be discriminated against and even persecuted. The cost of following Jesus is high. Pray for our brothers and sisters in the MENA, that they will fix their eyes on Jesus.

Wednesday 7 November:

Faithful witness to children

Children in the MENA have been born in times of conflict and turmoil. Pray that they will be exposed to God’s love and realise how valuable they are in His eyes.

Thursday 8 November:

Faithful witness through uncertainties

In a region full of turmoil, the young generation faces a lot of uncertainty for the future. Pray that SAT-7 will keep producing programmes to help them navigate through life.

Friday 9 November:

Faithful witness through conflict

War and conflict have forced millions of people to flee and become refugees in a strange land. Pray that through their struggles, these people will find hope in Christ.

Saturday 10 November:

Faithful witness to women

Women in the MENA face many difficulties which can leave them feeling worthless. Pray that they will learn to understand their equal value and identity in Christ.

Sunday 11 November:

Faithful witness through the Church

The Church in the MENA stands firm despite the turmoil around it. Pray that the Church remains bold in sharing God’s love, and that SAT-7 can provide the support it needs.



Monday 12 November
Thank God for Sedat and Gülay's story and the way He has transformed their lives.

Tuesday 13 November
Pray for the tiny Christian population in Turkey, that they will be strengthened in their faith today.

Wednesday 14 November
One Turkish viewer told us, "My wife was impressed when she watched the channel with me. Her misconceptions about the Christian faith were changed." Thank God that SAT-7 TÜRK is challenging negative misconceptions about Christianity.

Thursday 15 November
Pray for SAT-7's Turkish producers, presenters and staff, that they would stay close to God and create life-changing programmes.

Friday 16 November
In a recent online survey of SAT-7's Turkish channel, 1 in 3 respondents said they grew in their understanding of the Christian faith after watching. Thank God for the impact this channel is having.

Sat-Sun 17-18 November
Thank God for this testimony from Abbas in Turkey: "I thank God for the work that this channel is doing. I am so happy that you exist. You communicate love, hope and mercy to the people. I'm praying for you, thanking God for all of you. May He bless and protect you."

TURKISH VIEWERS RESCUED BY GOD'S LOVE

SAT-7 viewers Sedat and Gülay are among the comparatively tiny number of Christians in Turkey, a country of almost 80 million people. At a time of great hardship, they turned to Jesus – and since then, He has done miracles in their lives. Here they share their remarkable story and their love for SAT-7 TÜRK.

With tears in her eyes, Gülay recounts the moment she encountered Jesus in a hospital room. Seven months pregnant and facing the possibility of lifelong disability, she was at rock bottom.

"I was so scared. I kept hearing a voice saying, 'Don't be afraid'. Then I saw him so clearly, dressed in white. He said, 'I am He. Don't be afraid.'"

"OUR HEARTS WERE READY"

This moment was not the first time that Gülay and her husband, Sedat, had faced adversity. Not coming from a Christian background, they grew up without a clear and strong faith in anything. So, when they struggled financially and life became overwhelming, they couldn't see a way out.

"When we realised what was missing in our lives, we started searching," says Sedat.

The couple wondered if the teachings of Christ might hold the meaning they were looking for. At first, it was difficult to find a church. But when they visited one congregation in their home city of Antalya, they received a loving welcome.

"We found what was missing," Sedat remembers. "Our hearts were ready. We had been longing for this for so long."

The church continued to show them God's love, supporting them when Gülay developed debilitating back problems. Any remaining doubts the couple had were eroded, and while at a church picnic, Gülay gave her heart to Christ.

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Soon afterwards, and while heavily pregnant, Gülay was hospitalised. Told that she faced permanent paralysis and should undergo an operation, Gülay was terrified and planned to discharge herself.

"I was just about to leave, but there were no lights on," she says. "It was very dark. Suddenly, a bright light shone on me, and I heard someone say my name. I could clearly see a figure in the light."

Gülay heard the Lord tell her not to be afraid, because He would heal her. "My heart felt so pure," she says. "I was so scared, but at the same time I felt so peaceful."

When Gülay woke up after the operation, she was able to walk down four flights of stairs. The doctor told her it was the most successful procedure he had ever carried out. Gülay knows that it was the Lord that guided the doctor's hands that day.

SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED

Like many other believers in Turkey, Sedat and Gülay struggled to find Christian resources to help them grow in and share their faith. This, they say, is where SAT-7 TÜRK makes a big difference.

"We really, really love SAT-7, and we watch it a lot," says Gülay. "Just this morning I was almost late for work because I had to finish a programme!"

Smiling, she adds, "SAT-7 supports us and encourages us always." ■



Monday 19 November
Thank God that Sedat and Gülay found a welcoming church in Antalya. Pray that all Turkish churches would offer a warm welcome to visitors.

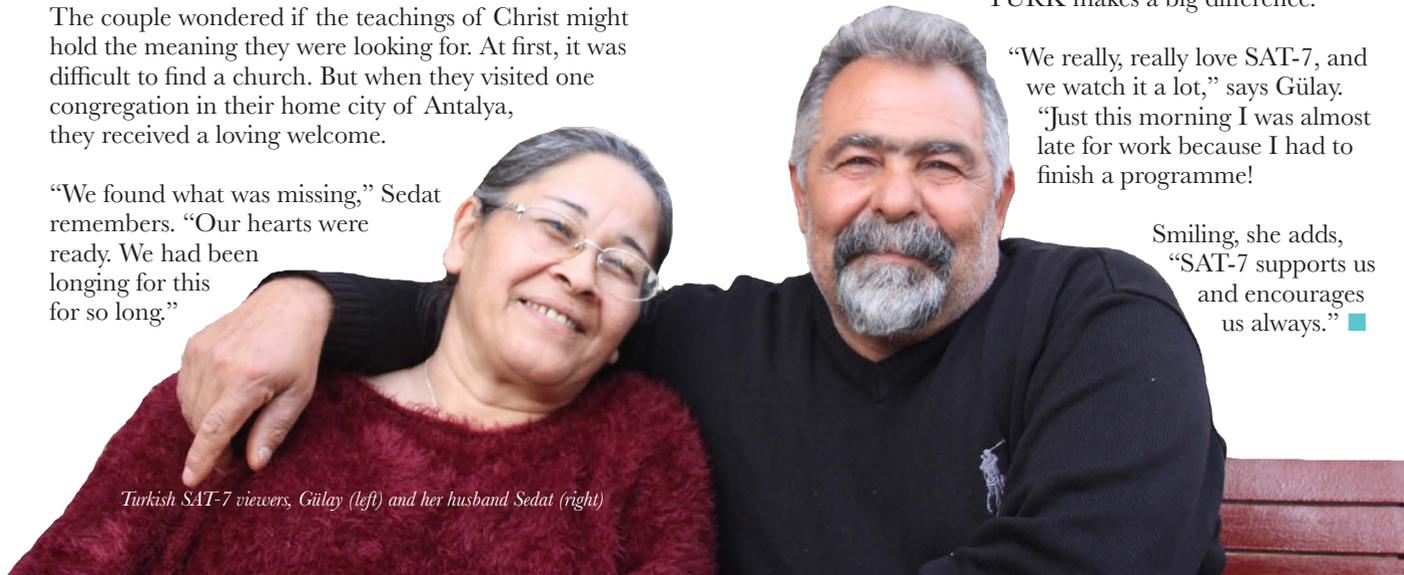
Tuesday 20 November
Some Turkish viewers have reported having no-one to talk to and no local church to go to. Thank God that SAT-7 TÜRK is filling this gap.

Wednesday 21 November
Today is World Television Day! Thank God for the amazing tool television is to make God's love visible to millions of people.

Thursday 22 November
Turkey faces uncertain times amidst an economic slowdown. Pray that the Turkish people would turn to God and find their certainty in Him.

Friday 23 November
Over 66 per cent of Turks have access to SAT-7 TÜRK on TV, with even more having access online. Pray that many more Turks will stumble across SAT-7 and want to know more about Jesus.

Sat-Sun 24-25 November
"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God" (Isaiah 41:10). God appeared miraculously to Sedat and Gülay in their times of need. Thank Him that He is always with us, whatever we are facing.



Turkish SAT-7 viewers, Gülay (left) and her husband Sedat (right)