



MERF enables committed Christians from the Middle East and Muslim lands to share the gospel with hundreds of thousands in their mother tongue daily over the radio and the internet.

Every day Christ's saving grace is proclaimed in 13 different languages—Arabic (22 countries), Farsi (Iran & neighbours), Urdu (Pakistan), 3 Ethiopian languages (including Somali), 2 South Sudanese languages and 5 Indonesian languages. Hundreds of inquirers, new believers, and Christians growing in faith respond by post, telephone, email, or text messages. They are prayerfully nurtured with individual follow-up care.

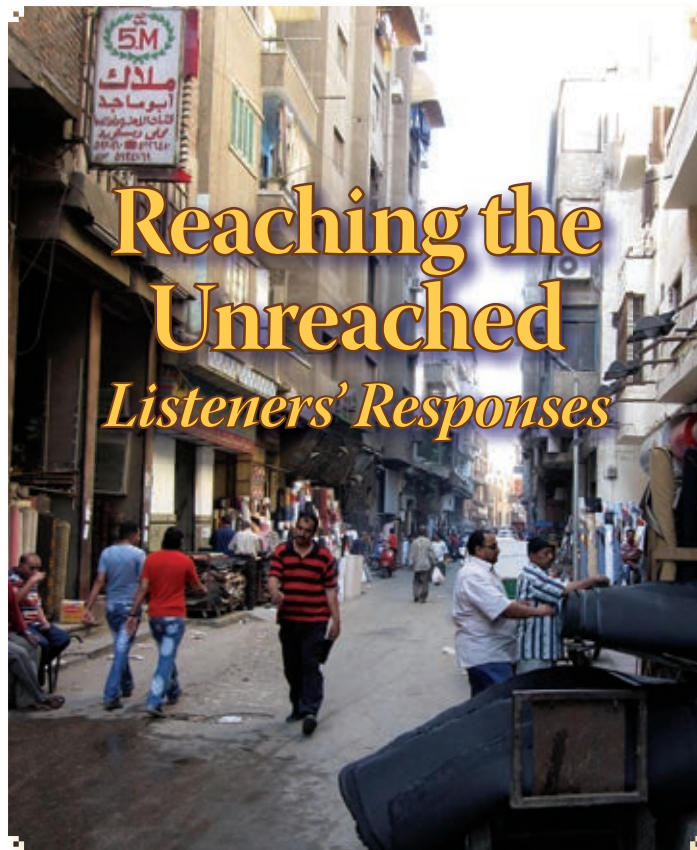
One Arabic producer says: “Thanks a lot for your encouragement & prayers!! We pray for every listener and every website visitor, for those who send SMS or emails or interact with us through private chat.... We pray for the Lord to open their hearts and reveal the Truth to them.... and we pray for the Lord to grant us wisdom from above and strength to keep working in His field!”

Arabic language

From MM in Yemen: “I regularly follow your programmes....I am interested in the teaching of ‘Issa’ (Jesus) and His ‘Injil’ (Gospel). I am convinced that He is more than a

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

—Romans 10:17



prophet; His teaching is more heavenly than any teaching of any religion.”

From AF in Saudi Arabia: “I write to you as one who is seriously and sincerely interested in the Christian way. In our country this is forbidden, we are allowed to study only one religion—Islam. I hope you can privately help me so that the authorities will not punish me.”

Farsi language

From Tehran, Iran: “As mentioned before in my emails, a few years ago I became a believer through your radio programmes. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your programmes that have built my faith and most importantly have brought me closer to the true liv-

Top to bottom: Busy street in Cairo, Egypt; Amharic broadcasting

ing God. This is the God of love, who has revealed himself through Jesus Christ. Thank you for the wonderful teaching from God's word you are giving to us. You cannot know how much help this is for me.... I am the only believer in my home and am afraid to tell the others.... I am very lonely but your programmes help and encourage me. Because of this I feel that Jesus is with me daily.”



From Kurdistan, Iraq: “These radio programmes have caused me to believe in Jesus Christ. Each one has been a blessing and has increased my faith. I listen to your programmes all the time and make notes of the important things that you share. I use these notes in personal study and when I share with others.”

Somali language

From Mogadishu, Somalia: “Dear brother I am very happy to have your message this month and it shows to me what your heart is like. Brother, I have had contact with brother XX... Actually, we have to hear your radio broadcasts from the internet when we have private access and have contacts with one another. Sometimes we would like to have more fellowship with others.”

From Somalia: “I want you to contact me soon and help me to get out of here because it is not safe both for me and others. I want to learn the Bible, but I can't while I am here. I have a wife and two sons and a daughter.”

From Somaliland: “We praise the Lord that He has given us faithful men and women who are regu-



larly attending our Sunday morning fellowship and worship service held in sister XXX house. We are encouraged and joyful.”

Indonesian languages

Sundanese (U. Sahudin, 23 yrs.): “I’m really blessed by God because of listening to this radio programme.... I believed in Jesus Christ as my Saviour since I was in the Christian Primary School. Because I’m Sundanese it is very difficult for us to be Christian. That’s why my father and mother got angry with me, because I always went to Sunday School. Thanks to God, my sister also became a Christian. Although my parents are still Muslim, they allow us

to go to the Church. I pray for them and hope someday they will open their heart for Jesus. Every day I turn on my radio and tune in to the Christian radio programme. I’m glad that my parents are also listening to those programmes.”

Javanese (Mrs. Lidia, 82 yrs.): “Thank you for the radio programme, which comforts and strengthens me day by day. I’m ready to go to my Father’s home any time He calls me back.”

Bugis (M. Zainuddin, 45 yrs.): “I am happy to hear the broadcasts in Bugis language, because it adds to the knowledge of God’s Word and insight to the Bugis culture. Teaching

from the Bible has guided my spiritual life to become more mature and also helped me become a good role model for my family and my neighbours.”

Bugis (A. Vera, 36 yrs.): “Many of my neighbours have profession as small traders in the market, they are Muslims, but often ask me about this broadcast. They like to listen to the teachings that comfort and strengthen their hearts.”

Makassarese (Bakhtiar, 40 yrs.): “I really like the Makassarese language programme and songs that are played. Bible teaching has also greatly blessed me. Although I cannot hear it every day because of the

place where I live in mountainous areas, the radio programme is truly a blessing.”

Prayer & Praise

➤Pray for wisdom and protection of local believers discipling new converts.

➤Praise God for answers to prayer for Lebanese Arabic broadcaster, Nelly. She is gradually regaining health and is now able to do some work.

➤Pray for national Christians suffering from decline in security and an uncertain future in Syria and Egypt.

Clockwise: Makassarese broadcasts blanket South Sulawesi; Indonesian Sundanese youth text messaging; MERF broadcasts in three languages in Ethiopia.



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