

News from SAT-7
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INSIGHT

A photograph of three children of African descent. On the left, a boy in a white shirt smiles. In the center, a boy in a white shirt and a denim vest with a star and 'POWER' patch looks up and to the side. On the right, a girl in a pink shirt smiles. They are all hugging each other.

**SAT-7 KIDS'
10 YEAR
JOURNEY
OF EQUIPPING CHILDREN**

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MAKING
GOD'S LOVE
VISIBLE



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IMPACTING THE NEXT GENERATION

Children have always been an important audience for SAT-7 and programming for them has been a part of our schedule since day one! As the programs expanded, and SAT-7 moved to a 24/7 schedule, it became increasingly difficult to schedule our children’s programs for a growing audience spanning 5 time-zones, from Morocco to the Arabian Gulf. For example, when the kids in Morocco were getting home from school, the kids in Bahrain were already in bed for the night.

The vision of a separate channel for children came to reality in December 2007, with the launch of SAT-7 KIDS. Today there are 125 million Arab children under the age of 16, and many of them are committed viewers of this unique channel. And they do not watch alone – as we hear from enthusiastic mothers, fathers, uncles and grandmothers. Their most common compliment towards the channel is that SAT-7 KIDS is the only channel that they can trust their children to!

They know their precious kids will not be exposed to extremist ideologies through our programs, or see acts of violence that are so common on many Arabic language channels. They also witness the improved behaviour and creativity in the kids, and see a new inner peace and happiness in the lives of their children – even in the conflict zones of Syria and Iraq.

The dedicated SAT-7 KIDS’ team are motivated in the knowledge that when “we train children up in the way they should go, they will not stray from it” (Proverbs 22:6). On this 10th anniversary of the channel, my prayer for our young audiences across the Arab World is that they will come to know God in a personal way and live each day of their lives in the confidence and knowledge that God is by their side. I also pray that, as these children grow up and take their place in society, God will use them to transform their countries, and that some will even become the leaders and shapers of tomorrow’s Arab church!



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TESTIMONIES AND TUNES IN THE TAJIK TONGUE

SAT-7 PARS' mission is to provide holistic Christian television for everyone in the Persian-speaking world. Thanks to a courageous Christian musician, the channel has now produced its first series in the Tajik dialect, called *Our Salvation is in Him*.

"There is a need for programs in the heart language of Tajikistan," says Director and Producer Mikael Tunér, who grew up in the region and whose vision is to make a variety of shows in Tajik. While Iranian Farsi is widely understood among all Persian-speakers, audiences feel a sense of familiarity and belonging when a presenter speaks in their mother tongue.

A passion for witness

SAT-7 PARS has been looking for Tajik-speaking program hosts for a long time, as it is a challenge to find Tajik Christians willing to talk about their faith on television. Finally, Tunér says, "God sent us Mahinbonu!"

Mahinbonu Gazanova is a well-known Christian singer who began her personal relationship with Jesus at age 42. Now 65, she is as eager as ever to tell others about God's work in her life.

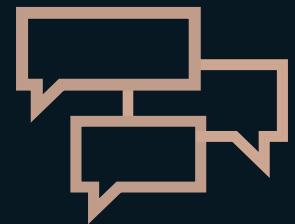
"In Tajikistan, I can only talk to people I meet face-to-face," she says. "I prayed for the opportunity to share my testimony with many people in my country via radio or television." Within a week, God answered her prayer and the opportunity arose to appear on

SAT-7 PARS. In mid-2017, Mahinbonu travelled to the IRR-TV studios in Finland to record the first series of *Our Salvation is in Him*.

A voice for the voiceless

Mahinbonu shares her testimony over the course of the series, interspersing it with worship songs she has written. "As Mahinbonu shares the story of how she became a believer, she is lending her voice to those who are unable to share their own stories," explains Tunér. Mahinbonu's songs also enable Tajik viewers to praise God in their own language, in their own homes.

Unfortunately, the filming of *Our Salvation is in Him* was cut short when Mahinbonu fell ill after making eight episodes. But God's hand was still in the project. The day Mahinbonu had to leave the studio, Tunér heard from another Tajik Christian singer interested in working with SAT-7 PARS. Farangis Soleiva will join the team in 2018 to record the five remaining episodes of the first season. The channel's team is praying for Mahinbonu's recovery and giving thanks for God's provision for the program, which will air soon. ■



Persian dialects broadcasted on SAT-7 PARS:

- Azeri
- Dari
- Farsi
- Tajik





STORIES FROM A PRIEST'S DIARY

A new SAT-7 ARABIC program, *A Priest's Diary in Africa* features a Coptic Orthodox priest, Youhanna George, who tells of his time working in Africa. In each episode, the priest relates stories from this chapter of his life in which he gained spiritual insight and learned a new lesson.

In one episode he recalls the time he was working to build a new village church. Tired and aggravated, he shouted at a worker who was slacking off. As he left the site, the priest felt the Holy Spirit rebuke him and turned back to find the man. "The worker saw me, and started running," he explains. "I ran after him, in full clerical dress, creating quite a scene." The priest caught up with the man and apologised for losing his temper. The two later became friends and the priest ministered to the worker, helping to change his life. "Building a relationship," he explains on the show, "can change a person more than using authority."

By sharing these stories, *A Priest's Diary in Africa* offers insights into the work of the Coptic Orthodox Church, encouraging viewers to think of new ways in which they too can serve God. The show will begin airing in early 2018. ■

SAT-7 PARS DOCUMENTARY EXPOSES DRUG ABUSE CRISIS

A hard-hitting new SAT-7 PARS documentary reveals the true human cost of Iran's escalating drug addiction problem. Focusing mainly on methamphetamine, or "crystal meth" abuse, *Crystal Death* includes moving personal stories of those who in the depths of addiction have found hope in Jesus.

"It is a dark documentary, but intentionally so," says Producer Moe Pooladfar. "A life affected by drugs often follows a sinister path, where all hope is lost until you encounter Jesus." Crystal meth, which is easy and cheap to make, has surpassed heroin to become the second most popular drug in Iran after opium. Drug abuse in general is an increasingly widespread problem in the country, with an estimated 2.8 million people reportedly taking drugs regularly.

Crystal Death began broadcasting on SAT-7 PARS in September and is now also being subtitled in English for distribution internationally, and to SAT-7's supporters and donors. ■

90%
of the world's opium is
produced in Afghanistan

2.8
million people in Iran
are regular drug users

375
meth labs were discovered

and **3500kg**
of crystal meth were seized
in Tehran in 2013



1 BILLION
USD is spent every year in
Iran on anti-drug operations



MAGAZINE SHOW JOINS SAT-7 ACADEMY

A new daily program called *Bloom Boom* engages SAT-7 ACADEMY viewers with rich, interactive lessons. The show's segments on crafts, safety, first aid, emotional awareness, and more are designed for kids up to age 12, with opportunities for parents to also join in. With a variety of presenters and content, the magazine-style program caters to the tastes and needs of a pan-Arab audience. The different sections teach specific skills that help enhance different kinds of aptitude. *Bloom Boom* is produced by Film & Co. The Presenter, Reem El Khazen, is known for hosting the popular program *KAZADOO*, which has run on mainstream television for 10 years. ■



TEACHING CHILDREN MOVIE-MAKING

City of Films, a new program on SAT-7 ACADEMY, documents an innovative children's movie-making project in Cairo, Egypt. Run by the Jesuit El-Nahda Association, the Mini-Cairo initiative is a "play city" in which children take part in hands-on training in film-making.

Children from age eight up learn a variety of skills, from script-writing and filming to acting, makeup, and

more. Expert volunteers guide the children as they produce their own films, which they then watch together in a specially created mini-cinema.

City of Films will bring this unique experience to children who cannot take part themselves. Viewers will learn new skills and creative problem-solving by taking part using tools and materials commonly found at home. ■

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Thank you for educating refugee children. As a Syrian myself, I have been concerned, and praying for such a project as SAT-7 ACADEMY. I would like to make a donation. May the Lord continue to bless your vision as you bless the needy children of refugees.

A viewer on SAT-7's Facebook page



SAT-7 TÜRK FILM MET WITH PRAISE

The Way Back Home, a short film produced by SAT-7 TÜRK, has been well-received and selected to feature in two high-profile film festivals in Turkey this year.

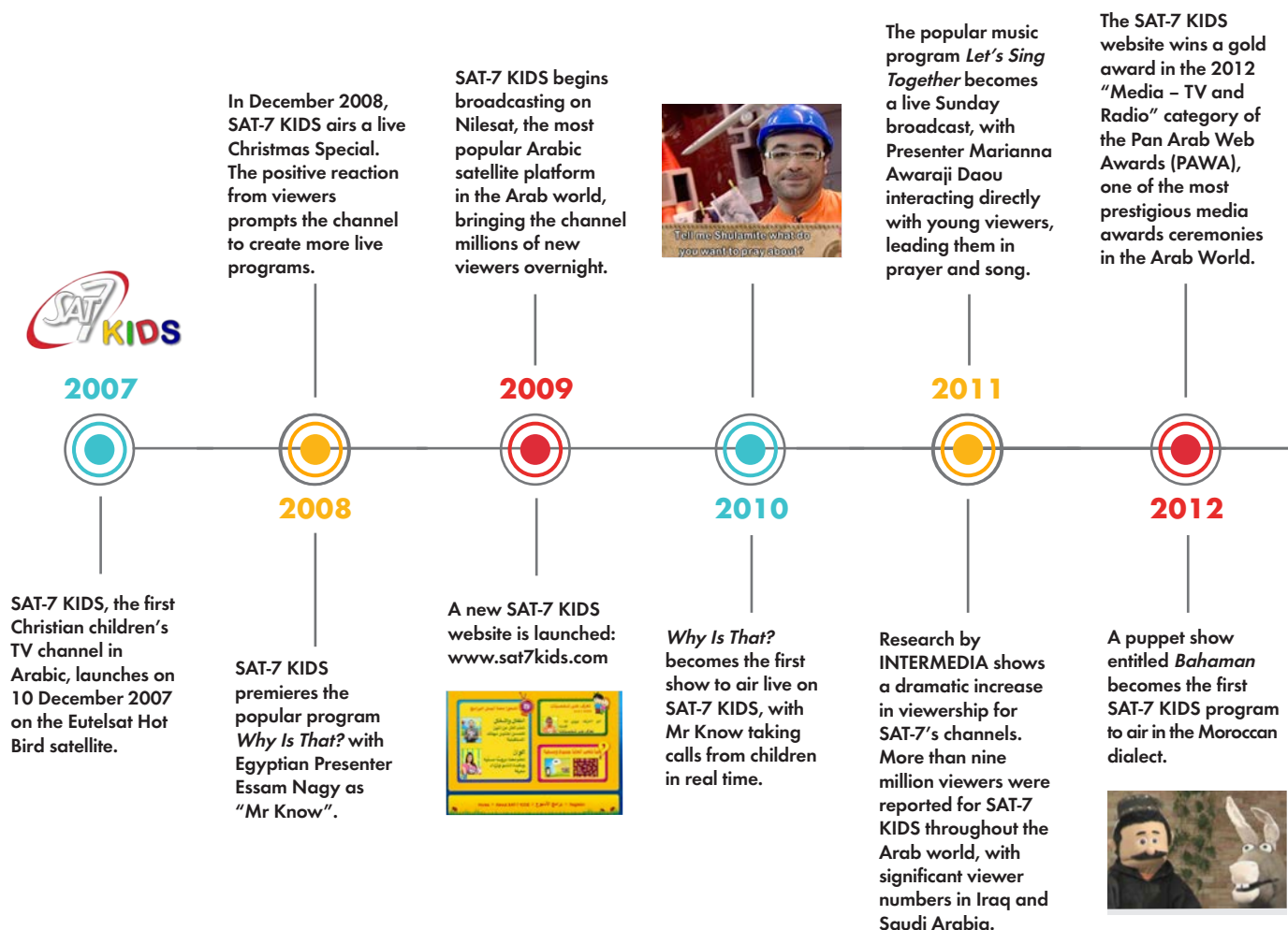
Directed by Ali Kerem Gülerman, *The Way Back Home* focuses on the inner struggles of a man on his life's journey to find God. In just three months, the channel adapted the drama from the book *Talking with God on the Way Home* by Turkish pastor and writer İsmail Serinken. To celebrate the film's premiere, SAT-7 TÜRK hosted a special screening in an Istanbul cinema on 21 September. Over 100 people attended the event, including Serinken and his family. ■

REFLECTING ON 10 YEARS OF IMPACTING YOUNG LIVES

As we look back on 10 years of SAT-7 KIDS, we can see how God has used the channel to speak to the hearts of Middle Eastern youngsters. We are also awed by His provision, which has sustained SAT-7 KIDS through some of the hardest times for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in living memory.

SAT-7 KIDS began broadcasting with the goal of bringing much-needed Christian teaching to the 125 million children under the age of 16 across the Arab World. In the channel's first full year of broadcasting, responses from viewers tripled. This is in comparison to responses SAT-7 ARABIC would receive for children's programs, prior to the launch of SAT-7 KIDS. Children and parents wrote to the programs' presenters and characters

expressing their joy and gratitude for the new channel. God has blessed this channel with holistic programming, mature Christian presenters, and production teams focused on meeting the needs of young viewers. Every year of SAT-7 KIDS' journey has been a step forward. So, as we reflect on the channel's ground-breaking milestones, we draw inspiration for further pioneering steps in its future. ■





**2,745
unique
viewers
contacted
SAT-7 KIDS
in 2014**

(excluding Facebook viewers)



**SAT-7 KIDS
received
2,778
birthday
requests in
2016**



Pioneering a unique contribution to Christian witness in this part of the world is the story of SAT-7 KIDS. It has won the hearts of millions of Arab children and the trust of their parents. Only eternity will reveal the true and full impact this channel has had on a whole generation of Middle Easterners.

Dr Terence Ascott - Founder and CEO



With Jesus, a new live program, attracts the most views on the SAT-7 KIDS YouTube channel.

Views of SAT-7 KIDS' YouTube clips reach 785,000.

2013



SAT-7 KIDS visits Syrian refugees in settlements in Lebanon. Refugee children interviewed by the SAT-7 team, express how much they love the channel and its fun-filled, positive programs.

Mr Know visits displaced Iraqi children in a makeshift refugee camp in Erbil, where he meets 10-year-old Myriam for the first time. The video clip of Myriam's interview, in which she says, "I will ask God to forgive ISIS", goes viral and reaches millions of people on multiple continents.

2014



SAT-7 Lebanon, where much of SAT-7 KIDS programming is made, moves to new studios, increasing its production capacity.



My School, a program that teaches young viewers core curriculum subjects including Arabic, English, and maths, launches in March 2015.

2015



The channel launches interactive web pages in the French language, making SAT-7 KIDS' online content more accessible to North Africans and other French-speakers throughout the Arab World.

After a five-year break, Rita Elmounayer returns to the small screen with a new series of *Bedtime Stories with Rita*.

Views of SAT-7 KIDS YouTube clips reach 3.1 million.

2016



Mounir Zakhary, Presenter of *Uncle Mounir's Scribbles*, visits the Children's Cancer Hospital in Cairo, where he draws caricatures for the young patients and brings them hope and encouragement.



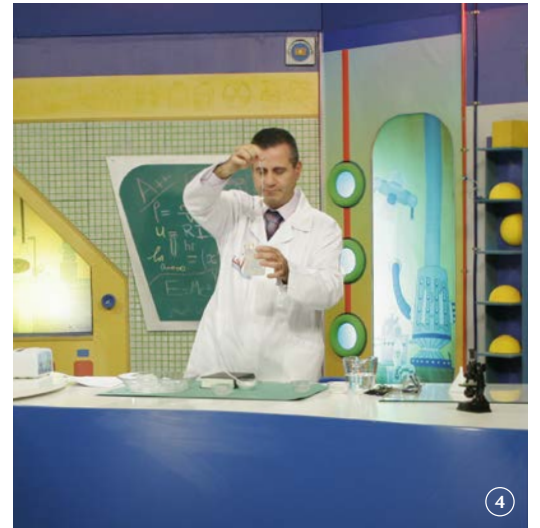
10 December SAT-7 KIDS celebrates 10 year anniversary.

2017



The program *My School* moves to the new educational channel SAT-7 ACADEMY in September 2017.





A DECADE THROUGH THE CAMERA LENS

"This is a dream we have been working on for many years," Andrea Elmounayer said 10 years ago about the launch of SAT-7 KIDS. As the channel celebrates a decade of a dream realised, we take a walk back through time to revisit some of its best programs and the team's favourite memories.

Christmas came early in 2007 when SAT-7 KIDS, planned as a present for the children of the Middle East and North Africa, was launched on 10 December. For more than a year beforehand, SAT-7's children's producers worked tirelessly to create quality programs for the new channel, building on their experience of young viewers' needs and what attracted them to watch SAT-7. The resulting programming was instantly well-received, with viewers and parents contacting and praising the channel.

Over the years, SAT-7 KIDS has responded to its viewers' needs in many creative ways alongside its programming. Presenters including Rita Elmounayer of *Bedtime Stories with Rita* and Essam

Nagy, otherwise known as "Mr Know" from *Why is That?*, have visited viewers in their hometowns or in refugee camps, bringing joy and hope to young believers. Children are invited to participate on-screen and even create stories of their own, which are later made into mini-dramas.

Storybooks and gifts are continuously sent out to viewers who request them, and birthday wishes are announced on-screen for children who have no other way of celebrating their special day. All these efforts and more have made SAT-7 KIDS a welcoming haven where children can learn about Christ, interact with other young believers, and grow in their faith and relationship with God. ■

① Filming the first Kids Talent Camp in Egypt, June 2012

② Naji the Scientist, Mr Know and Rita in the Live Christmas Special, December 2008

③ SAT-7 KIDS visits the Children's Cancer Hospital in Cairo, 2016

④ Naji the Scientist, 2008

⑤ An episode of *I Love You This Much* - a program aiming to bring hope to hurting children - features Rita visiting a boy named Joe, who was being treated for Leukemia, 2010

⑥ The filming of *Praise Factory* in Lebanon, 2016

⑦ SAT-7 KIDS films an open day for the organisation Children Seeking Refuge, to raise awareness about children trapped in poverty and violence, October 2012

⑧ Lebanon production team prepares for filming of *Kids' Café* program, 2007

⑨ Presenters Khaldoun and Mariana on the program *Colours* (Alwan), 2012

Let's Sing Together Presenter Marianne Awaraji Daou with young guests on set.



LONG-SERVING STAFF LOOK BACK WITH JOY

SAT-7 KIDS' original staff relive their most memorable moments, share what drives them to help children experience God's transforming love, and express their prayers for the children of the Middle East and North Africa.

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It is a blessing to know that SAT-7 KIDS impacts children's spiritual lives, helping them to know His Love, understand His Word, pray for His Peace, and seek His forgiveness. Many of these children now have an unfailing Hope in God with which to face their futures, and are equipped to change the face of the Middle East, applying what they have learned from our screen and sharing it with their families, neighbors and friends!

I pray that SAT-7 KIDS will always bring joy, love, peace, reconciliation and hope but, above all, FAITH to millions of children in the region, whom He dearly loves.

Rita Elmounayer
SAT-7 Chief Channels
Officer and Deputy CEO



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What has touched me the most is seeing children grow up with SAT-7. Some of our young presenters, including Marianne Awaraji from *Let's Sing Together*, are the channel's early viewers who have grown up to host their own programs. I know that through them, there is a bright future for SAT-7 KIDS' ministry to children's hearts and minds.

Andrea El Mounayer
SAT-7 KIDS Channel Manager

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In the early days we produced a program called *Mini Match*, in which children from various churches took part in spiritual activities and games. It was filmed in a large cinema studio in a remote area of Egypt. It was extremely hot and there was no air conditioning, so the cameras kept overheating and we could only film for a few minutes at a time.

Despite these challenges, the program was very successful and helped create good relations between different denominations. We filmed further episodes in different locations, which helped SAT-7 KIDS become known across Egypt.

Mounir Zakhary
Producer



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The viewer stories that touch me the most are those of children struggling with their health. We have lost three young viewers to cancer. Despite their pain, they continued to write to us declaring their faith that Jesus was with them. I am also touched when children contact us to say that they want to know more about Christ. These are brave young people that risk their lives to follow Jesus despite being rebuked, rejected, or even attacked for their faith.

Enaam Haddad
Audience Relations Manager



ONE CHILD'S FAITH TOUCHES THE WORLD

Three years ago, SAT-7 KIDS met a young Iraqi refugee with a radical message of forgiveness. As Myriam's words have travelled across the world, touching millions of lives, her own journey of faith has continued.

"Myriam's words have been ringing in my ears every day for three years," says Essam Nagy. For the Presenter, interviewing Myriam in Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan, is the highlight of his time with SAT-7 KIDS.

On that day in 2014, Nagy asked Myriam how she felt about the so-called Islamic State fighters who seized Qaraqosh, her hometown, forcing her family and many others to flee for their lives. The ten-year-old responded saying, "I will only ask God to forgive them," adding that she forgave them herself. She later sang a beautiful worship song.

Unshakeable Faith

SAT-7's video of Myriam's interview went viral, reaching at least 2.5 million people and making international headlines. Many viewers have responded to her message. One SAT-7 supporter in the USA wrote, "Myriam is a source of inspiration, and I hope one day she knows the impact her unshakeable faith has had."

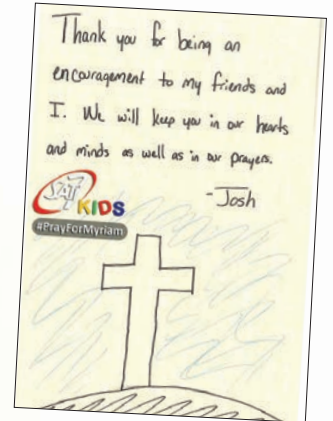
Myriam shared three prayers: to see her words reach around the world; to return to school; and to be reunited with her best friend Sandra. God has worked powerfully to answer all three. In 2015, SAT-7 KIDS brought Myriam and Sandra together via video chat on the program *Let's Sing Together*. When the channel paid Myriam a surprise visit later that year, Sandra's family had joined Myriam's in Erbil and the two girls were attending school together.

"No-one can conquer you"

Myriam last appeared on SAT-7 KIDS during the liberation of the Nineveh plains, in late 2016. Although the family

was excited by the prospect of going home, Myriam's father Waleed said, "Peace isn't in a house or a land. Even under fire, you can have the peace of Jesus... When you love Jesus, no-one can conquer you."

Myriam and other Middle Eastern Christians have shown amazing faith and forgiveness despite all they have endured. As Nagy says, "People are the true Church. Iraqi refugees are a good example – their church buildings have been bombed, but the Church is alive inside them and through them." ■



A young viewer sent a card he drew for Myriam through the program *Why is That?* Mr Know delivered the card when he revisited Myriam in 2015.



PIONEER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Since its beginnings, SAT-7 KIDS has pioneered in quality Christian programming that both supports and challenges its young audience. Now, the team again shines a light on a topic rarely addressed by other broadcasters: children with physical and intellectual disabilities.

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) is home to millions of children with disabilities. Most parts of the region are not equipped to provide the services and facilities needed. They are left facing difficulties including rejection from educational institutions, inadequate health services, fewer employment opportunities, and problems accessing buildings and transportation.

Children with disabilities are disadvantaged by a lack of public awareness. The social stigma has marred the lives of thousands of families in the MENA. Parents feel unsure of how to help, experience feelings of shame, and even hide their children away.

Answers for parents seeking solutions

Thankfully, many parents are becoming better educated, and no longer feel they must keep their children behind closed doors. Instead, they fight for them to attend mainstream schools and be included in society.

SAT-7 offers support by creating awareness of the difficulties facing people with disabilities in the region. The channels offer insight and solutions through counselling programs, and a platform for struggling parents to voice their concerns and share their testimonies.

A program for all children

Now, SAT-7 KIDS is taking another pioneering step. With the assistance and supervision of the NGO SETI-Caritas, the channel has produced a special program, *City of the Stars*, that addresses the issue of children with disabilities.

In *City of the Stars*, children visit a special city that is truly accessible to everyone. Inside the city, non-disabled children, children with disabilities, and

parents learn how to cooperate and play together respectfully. The program uses a variety of tools to demonstrate that children with disabilities are valuable members of society, including drama, music, dancing, and games.

Beneficial for all

The show's inclusive approach benefits both the cast and crew. The young actors with disabilities gain confidence by meeting new people and experiencing new situations. The program is also educational for the other children, who learn how to interact with their peers with disabilities in a playful environment.

One of the show's stars is 17-year-old Hanna, who has Down Syndrome. Hanna plays the ticket collector who welcomes children to the city, and she gradually grew in confidence as filming progressed. Before long, Hanna was helping children new to the set, guiding a young blind girl and learning sign language to communicate with children with hearing impairment. Filming also made a positive impact on parents. Asked how she felt about her daughter's participation, Hanna's mother says: "I am happy to see the reactions of the crew and the other parents. Everyone encourages her. I am sitting in the set proud that I am her mother. I want everyone to know that I am Hanna's mother."

Broadcasting the message to millions

The team hopes the show will help to shape societal attitudes towards people with disabilities. Janette Samir from SETI-Caritas says: "Our organisation serves a certain number of people in a specific area, but the media has a strong influence in society. SAT-7 broadcasts to a wider audience in the MENA, making it easier for our message of awareness and acceptance to be communicated to millions of homes." ■



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I am sitting in the set proud that I am her mother. I want everyone to know that I am Hanna's mother.

A mother in Egypt

Young guest Romany stands on the stage on set of *City of the Stars* program during the filming of the program episodes.



I AM SAT-7

REZA JAFARI

Editing Manager, SAT-7 PARS

What does your role with SAT-7 involve?

The editing department at SAT-7 PARS covers pre-production, production, and post-production editing. We develop concepts for promotional videos and we build and work on scripts and screenplays for in-house productions.

Why do you like working with SAT-7?

As an Iranian raised in a religiously hostile society, I value and understand the extraordinary and much-needed work of SAT-7. I love working in such a unique and diverse environment; and having colleagues from different backgrounds united by one vision makes it an interesting place to work!

Tell us a little about your spiritual journey so far.

I come from a secular family. When I committed my life to Christ, I began attending a church in Tehran and felt peaceful, joyful, and free. Then, the secret service began to put new believers under pressure and started arresting them randomly. Fearing persecution, I fled Iran. I have realised that this was all part of God's plan for me to work at the first-ever Farsi-language Christian channel. Working at SAT-7 for the past 14 years has been a testament to God's goodness in my life. I have been blessed beyond measure to be part of shining His light to my own country.

If you could sit down with Jesus today, what would you like to ask Him?

Many Iranian believers have a great heart and passion for advancing His Kingdom, and they are certainly more deserving than I am. I would ask Jesus why He chose me to be part of this mission.

What is your passion outside SAT-7?

My dream is to travel the world. I love meeting new people, seeing new cultures, and exploring God's masterwork on this planet. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, and I love playing football! ■



NETWORK 2018

Please note that SAT-7's annual NETWORK conference will be held from 18-20 April 2018 in Antalya, Turkey. During this inspiring time together, we will share how God continues to use satellite television to bring hope and love to millions across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). We look forward to seeing you there! **Registration and more information can be found at: www.sat7.org/network2018**



How to find SAT-7

SAT-7 ARABIC

SATELLITE: Nilesat (E7WA) at 7° West, 11.353 GHz Vertical;

Covering Middle East & North Africa.

ONLINE: www.sat7.com / www.facebook.com/sat7ar

www.youtube.com/user/SAT7ARABIC

Smartphone App: SAT-7

SAT-7 KIDS (ARABIC)

SATELLITE: Nilesat (E7WA) at 7° West, 11.353 GHz Vertical;

Covering Middle East & North Africa.

ONLINE: www.sat7kids.com / www.facebook.com/sat7kids

www.youtube.com/user/SAT7KIDS

Smartphone App: SAT-7 KIDS

SAT-7 ACADEMY (ARABIC)

SATELLITE: Nilesat (E7WA) at 7° West, 10.727 GHz Horizontal;

Covering Middle East & North Africa.

(Broadcasting begins 1 September 2017)

SAT-7 TÜRK (TURKISH)

SATELLITE: Türksat 4A at 42° East, 11.824 GHz Vertical;

Covering Turkey, Europe & Central Asia.

ONLINE: www.sat7turk.com / www.facebook.com/sat7turk

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Smartphone App: SAT-7 TÜRK

SAT-7 PARS (FARSI)

SATELLITE: Eutelsat Hot Bird 13B at 13° East, 10.949 GHz

Vertical; Covering Middle East, North Africa & Europe.

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MYRIAM'S MESSAGE TRAVELS TO HUNGARY

A SAT-7 video recently featured in an exhibition on the contemporary persecution of Christians in the Middle East, held at the Hungarian National Museum in Budapest. The exhibition, entitled CROSSinFIRE and held September – October 2017, aimed to raise awareness of the severity of the current situation. Included in the displays was SAT-7's video of 10-year-old refugee Myriam in Erbil, who spoke of her forgiveness for ISIS and praised Jesus despite her suffering.

Etele Kiss, museologist and art historian at the museum, says: "Myriam's story demonstrates the often untold heroism and real Christian love of children in the midst of suffering and persecution that is a powerful witness to the world. If we didn't show this video, a critical dimension would be missing in our exhibition." ■



SAT-7 ACADEMY LAUNCH SUCCESSFUL

We are delighted to report that SAT-7 ACADEMY successfully launched on 1 September 2017. The new Arabic-language channel was inspired by the urgent educational needs of refugees and internally displaced people, and it aims to bridge the desperate gap in education in the MENA.

SAT-7 ACADEMY's holistic educational and social impact programming will present a basic educational curriculum and, more importantly, help equip children to think critically, challenge ideas, and look for new solutions.

We have received a large number of positive comments from viewers, many of whom used social media to thank SAT-7 for providing this complementary education that reaches across borders and war zones.

SAT-7 ACADEMY still needs your prayers and help – the channel relies entirely on donations from our generous supporters to stay on air. Give now and be a part of changing the future of the MENA for the better. Please visit:

www.sat7educationdevelopment.givingfuel.com/donate-now ■

SAT-7 KIDS REUNITES LONG-LOST FATHER AND SON

Michael's* story is one of the most amazing moments in a decade of SAT-7 KIDS broadcasts. The channel has strengthened countless families, but in this case God did something incredible – the team reunited Michael with his estranged father.

In 2014, seven-year-old Michael had not seen his father for three years. After his parents' marriage broke down, Michael and his mother moved from Egypt to Hungary, losing all contact with his dad. Desperate to contact Michael, his father Adham* wrote to the presenter of *Why is That?*, a show his son loved.

Asking the impossible

"Please, Mr Know, pray for us," Adham wrote. "Pray that I will be able to see my son or at least talk to him. I don't know how I will see him after all these years, but I am sure God will do the impossible." Mr Know prayed for the family live on *Why is That?*, and the SAT-7 KIDS team also prayed. But God worked more quickly than anyone imagined. Miraculously, Michael was watching that very episode. He also wrote to Mr Know, asking to be put in contact with Adham. To their joy, the two were soon able to speak.

"Praise God, I spoke with Him!"

After their life-changing telephone call, Adham wrote to SAT-7 KIDS to express his gratitude, saying: "Praise God, I spoke with Michael and he told me how much you've encouraged him... I can never thank you enough. May God bless you, and may you be a blessing to many [others]. Truly God is good and able to do much more than we think or imagine." Michael also contacted the program. "I was very happy when he called me," he wrote.

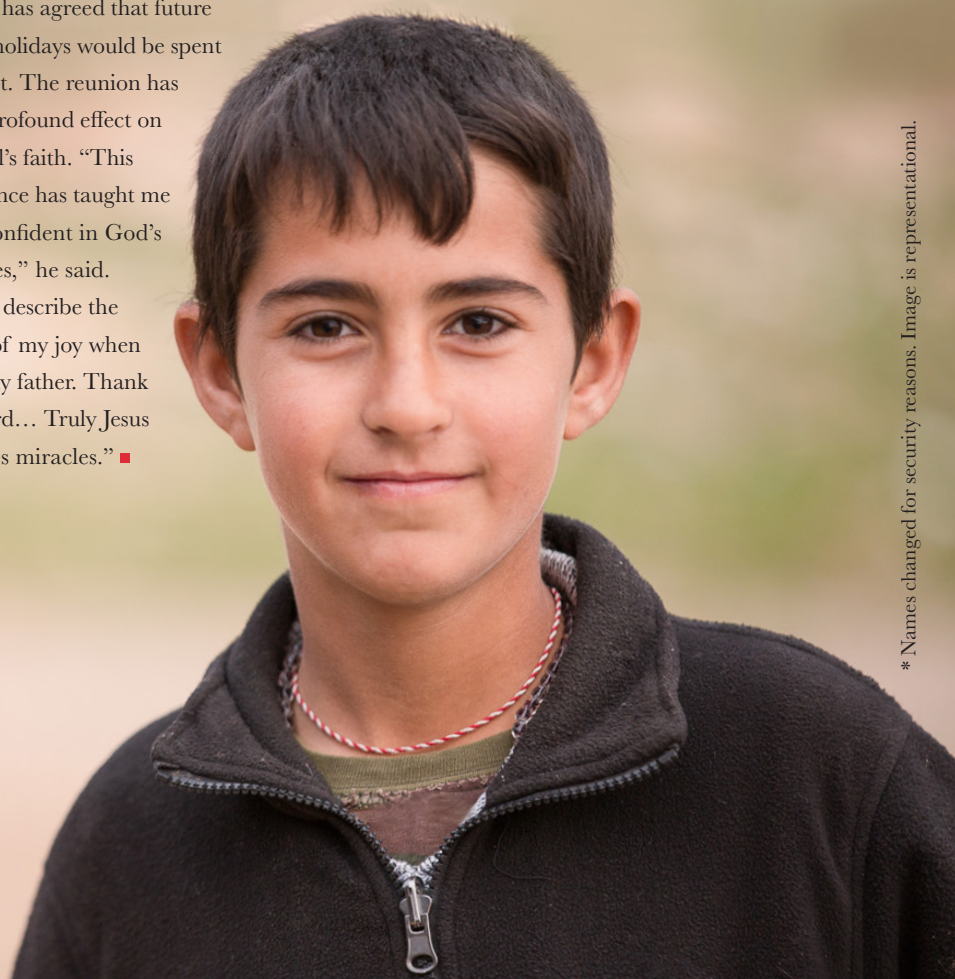
"We thank Jesus for His love because He gave me a way to speak with my father through SAT-7 KIDS. Thank you for your prayers... please pray for me to see my father soon."

"Truly Jesus still does miracles"

Michael's prayer was answered when Adham travelled to Hungary. They spent three wonderful days together, and Michael's mother has agreed that future school holidays would be spent in Egypt. The reunion has had a profound effect on Michael's faith. "This experience has taught me to be confident in God's promises," he said. "I can't describe the extent of my joy when I saw my father. Thank you Lord... Truly Jesus still does miracles." ■

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