
September 27: *“Iranian Muslim Immigrant Gets Saved in Atlanta”*

Tom W. – Missionary to Muslims

Shahram fled Iran as a young boy with his family after the Ayatollah Khomeini came to power in 1979. Shahram’s dad, a Colonel in the Iranian army under the Shah, fled with his family and found their way to America. Shahram grew up as a moderate Muslim in Atlanta and became a teacher. One of his students lived her life the way every Christian should. He said, “Her faith just bubbled out of her.” She would get into conversations about her faith with her Muslim teacher and one day gave him a cassette tape of her pastor preaching the Easter message. The front side had the morning service covering the death and burial of Christ. The evening service had the resurrection message on the reverse side. To be polite, he took it and placed it in his car not intending to listen to it.

Every time he got into the car, he would argue with God about the tape saying out loud, “I am not going to listen to that stupid tape.” He did not know it then, but the Holy Spirit was prodding at his heart. After about a week he said, “What am I afraid of?” He put the tape in and couldn’t stop listening. He found himself listening again and again....front and back.

Shahram brought the tape back to the girl, she asked what he thought about it. He told her that initially he was offended by the preaching, but he became deeply intrigued and puzzled. He told her, “For me as Muslim to get to heaven, I must die for my God.... But it seems for you to get to heaven, your God died for you.” He wanted to learn more. He met with the pastor and soon after got saved. Shahram today is a preacher of the gospel.

Shahram now lives in Washington State and is also a Co-Host on my radio program on American Family Radio. I love telling Shahram’s story as it illustrates some important truths about evangelizing Muslims.

1. You don’t have to be a scholar to witness to Muslims.
2. Muslims are very ignorant about our faith (and even their own religion).
3. Muslims live in fear, and 8 out of 10 have come to the West to get away from Islam.
4. The power of God’s word can transform Muslims.

Muslims think Christians are born Christians because in Islam Muslims are born Muslim if their father is Muslim. Just sharing with a Muslim friend that you were not always a Christian and became a believer is powerful. Tell them your story how one day someone opened the Bible and explained to you that you were in trouble with God because of your sin. Once you realized you deserved to go to Hell for your sins, you learned that God had a rescue plan for you and all who would believe and call upon the Lord to save them. Your testimony can be very powerful. Carry a tract and share your faith like that school girl; it could even convert a Muslim.