

The Iranian Ripple Effect: Spiritual Revival and Political Reformation

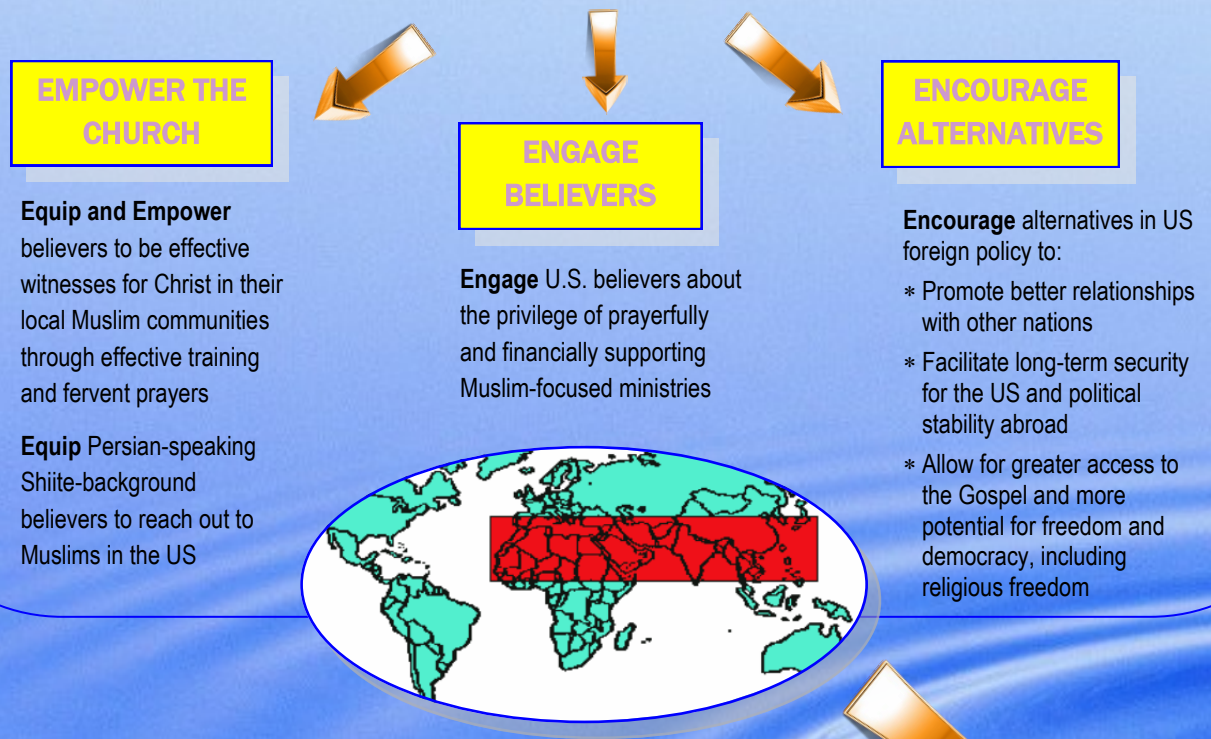
"I will give you the treasures of darkness..." Isaiah 45:3



OUR DOMESTIC VISION

WHY REACH MUSLIMS IN THE UNITED STATES NOW?

- HISTORICALLY:** Muslims in the West are still as unaware of the Gospel as Muslims in the Middle East
- POLITICALLY:** There are more mosques being built in America than Christian churches
- SPIRITUALLY:** Muslims are more receptive to the Gospel due to the acts of terrorism in the US and other countries
- SOCIALLY:** The Islamic presence in the US has created a climate of insecurity and fear in the country
- MOBILITY:** Muslim-born Christians living in the US will impact other Muslims, especially in the Sunni Arab world
- DEMOGRAPHICALLY:** There are more pro-democracy Muslims in the US than in any other democratic country



OUR INTERNATIONAL VISION

WHY REACH IRANIANS FIRST?

- GEOGRAPHICALLY:** Situated in center of the 10-40 window north of Persian Gulf, Iran dominates the Shiite-world with millions of Persian-speakers
- EDUCATIONALLY:** 61% of university students are women, 92% of 40 and younger are literate; hold the highest degrees per capita in Middle-east
- HISTORICALLY:** While the majority of Arab Sunni Muslims wish to have an Islamic form of government, Iranians have become anti-political Islam
- MOBILITY:** 5 million Iranians live outside Iran and over 400,000 return to visit yearly. Over 200,000 Iranian citizens visit other countries yearly
- DEMOGRAPHICALLY:** Over 70% of Iran's population is under 30 years of age. Statistically, the youth are pro-West and highly receptive to the Gospel
- POLITICALLY:** Being abused by application of the Islamic law since 1979, Iranians resent Islam and are looking for a secular form of government
- TECHNOLOGICALLY:** Iranians are the most techno-savvy population in the Middle East and over 7 million use the Internet daily
- SOCIALLY:** Persian is the 4th most used weblog language. The Muslim-owned satellite channels in the US connect Iranians to the outside world
- SPIRITUALLY:** After living over 30 years under an extreme form of political Islam, Iranians are currently the most open to change among all Muslim people



Spiritual REVIVAL

- With freedom of religion, there will be an explosion of evangelism and "above ground" church planting.
- With its educated, young, and mobile population, Iran will become the launching-pad for Middle-Eastern missionaries.
- Iran will become the center of Christian training, resource production and the distribution center for the 10/40 window.
- Iran will be the media center for more expansive satellite/radio broadcasting throughout the Middle East and Central Asia.
- Naturally gregarious and friendly, Iranians will excel in "friendship evangelism" with other Muslims as they travel freely within the Muslim world.
- As Persian-Shiites and former Muslims, Iranians will be in a position to effectively reach Shiites as well as the remaining 85% majority Sunni.

Political REFORMATION

- By pressing the Iranian regime through non-violent means, moderate and secular Muslims will eventually force the Iranian totalitarian regime to reform.
- Moderates, once in power, will curtail the funding of terrorist organizations like Hezbollah, the Shiite militia, and the Mehdi army.
- Moderates will exemplify religious freedom by allowing "above ground" church planting and overt evangelism. Converts will not face legal reprisals.
- With greater openness, Iran will host tens of thousands of foreign workers. It is our prayer that Christians will fill these positions of influence.
- The majority of Sunni nations have U.S. friendly governments, but the people are anti-American. In contrast, Iran is the only Muslim nation with an official anti-west radical government and a pro-west democratic leaning people. The future political reformation brought by people will make Iran a viable, balanced democracy and an example to the Muslims nations surrounding them.

"Today there are more converts from Islam to Christianity than at any time in history." ...Donald Fareed