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Our dear Prayer Supporter,

So much to share! So much to pray about! So little space to keep you up-to-date! But, in this letter, let us share a microcosm of our conviction that time is very short for the church. Also, that opportunities have never been greater for those who serve the Lord Jesus with the assurance that it is: “Not I, but Christ”—Who is, and does, what we could never be or do!

In the light of the possibility of Iran’s ambition to take Israel from off the face of the map, or the suggested preemptive defensive attack of Israel on the nuclear basis in Iran, we rejoice to share reports how God continues to bless CCIM’s radio and literature Arabic ministry throughout North Africa and the Middle East. (This runs parallel to CCIM’s ongoing ministry of literature ministry to Jews in Israel.)

We cannot but sympathize with the desperate circumstances in which Israel finds itself at this critical hour. Lt. Gen. (ret.) Moshe Yaalon (former chief of staff of Israel Defense Forces) wrote: “The central conflict in the Middle East is not territorial but ideological; not about borders but about Islamic Jihadism and Western liberty.” But if this analysis was the whole truth, the only answer would be either diplomacy or military action. God’s ultimate solution is not ideological but spiritual—*not Western liberty but liberty in Christ!*

However, every indication is that presently the world could be drawn into the end-time battle prophesied by Ezekiel. Informed sources tell us that powers in the Middle East are playing brinkmanship between the possible preemptive defensive strike of Israel on the nuclear facilities in Iran, and the proclaimed intent of Iranian President Ahmadinejad to wipe Israel off the map!

Surely, time is very short to share the Gospel message with multiplied millions who “*sit in darkness and in the shadow of death*” PSALM 107:10. Regardless of political expediency or social acceptance, the Lord Jesus commands every Christian to be witnesses unto Him—the only Savior of men, and, the only assurance of heaven!

William E. Sutter, Executive Director of “The Friends of Israel” wrote: “I receive reports daily of the growing animosity against Christians and the aggressive expansion of mosques in Europe and other Western countries. In England, plans are going forward to construct a huge mosque in the heart of London. Many Europeans are complaining bitterly that their governments okay construction of Muslim houses of worship, but in Muslim countries Christians are persecuted, prohibited from building

churches, and even expelled. In Turkey, after a terrorist bomb shattered the windows of a church, it took two years of struggle merely to obtain permission to replace the broken panes.”

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness in this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places EPHESIANS 6:12.

From “Ala’s Diary,” a unique radio program for the young people of the Middle East: “Thank you so much for this wonderful ministry. You add a special taste, a refreshing breath and a living hope to my spiritual life. I love you so much. I found out that the Holy Bible is the best companion. I’m grateful to you for sending me these valuable books. Please, could you pray also for my wife that the Lord would open her heart to accept Jesus Christ as her Savior.” (Algeria)

From the Middle East responses to CCIM Arabic ministries:

“Living in an unstable nation with a lot of conflicts happening, people around are looking for the truth anywhere they can find it!

“Many wars start in this region in the name of religion and in the name of god; where we are sure that none of these people know who the real God is. They all need to come to the Lord and accept His love and His work on the cross for them . . . But they need first to understand and then to be nourished so they can grow in a strong relationship with the real and loving God.

“CCIM Arabic books—*Your Quest for God* and *Food for Faith*—came to fulfill a vision and to meet a need. These books provided a unique opportunity for people to understand the Christian faith in a very creative and meaningful way. We believe providing more copies of these books will multiply these opportunities and will help many new people to come closer to God.

“Over the last 3 years we have distributed 5000 copies of *Your Quest for God* and 5,000 copies of *Food for Faith*, and whoever received a copy of these books was thankful for such a valuable insight. Distribution was done through different ways and means: By hand, by mail, through churches and Christian organizations, etc. The books have reached many Arab countries like Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, North Africa, Europe (where many Arabs live), The Arabian Gulf (mainly by hand in Bahrain, Kuwait, U.A.E., Qatar, Yemen, etc.). [ED: CCIM have since activated the printing of a further edition of 5,000 copies of each book.]

“Also, taking both books *Your Quest for God* and *Food for Faith* and making them into **Arabic audio format** is a powerful strategy. Broadcasting these books through powerful transmitters located in strategic places in the Arab world has provided great opportunity for many to hear the Word of God and relate to it. This approach helps our oral communities in the Arab world hear, understand and ultimately believe, because the truth was presented to them in a simple, powerful and creative way. The truth was communicated to them in a style that they are familiar with—“oral communication.”

“The simplicity of the CCIM five-minute daily broadcast has been of a great help in attracting people to listen daily and ultimately accept the truth. It made many come to the Lord with an excited heart. Also, these broadcasts taught new believers how to feed on the Word of God in a practical way.”

Following are some excerpts of encouraging letters received as a result of CCIM’s daily broadcasts in Arabic of *Your Quest for God* and *Food for Faith*.

Tania-IRAQ: With the program *Food for Faith*, you have planted joy in our sorrowed hearts, may God protect you and bless you and may you be there for all those who have scared or hurt hearts.

Magdi-Egypt: I write to MY program *Your Quest for God*. This program, I love so much! I’m really excited to write to you, knowing how your program is seeding God’s love in our souls that will eternally stay in us. Please send me a copy of the book; I would really like to read it!

Wissa-EGYPT: I am so grateful to the Lord for your great radio ministry. I would like to receive a copy of the book *Your Quest for God* because we can benefit from it so much, it helps me to answer many of the questions that people around me are asking.

Salwa-(country unknown): I would like to thank you for your efforts that you put in making these books available on radio; this is helping many to know the truth. I have to tell you that I have many friends that have a lot of questions about Christianity, and many times I don’t know the answers for them so I ask them to start listening to your broadcast, and now they will be writing to you directly. I am confident that you’ll be able to answer their questions and help them know the truth, by God’s grace. Thank you.

Tanqoon-SUDAN: Since I started listening to your radio program, *Your Quest for God*, my life has changed dramatically and I started getting to know Jesus Christ more. Please accept me as a friend and I want to learn more from you.

Bader-(country unknown): I want to send you my admiration for your program, *Food for Faith*. The deep message of it makes a person realize the importance of being close to God’s heart.

Majdi-Unknown: Your program *Food for Faith* encouraged me so much; it is helping me in my new faith in Jesus Christ.

Please keep these prayer requests and join us in prayer for:

- * The CCIM Arabic radio programs and distribution of free literature and CD’s throughout the Middle East and North Africa. For protection from danger for all concerned.
- * The safe arrival of 27,620 used/new Bibles, shipped in a 20 foot container, from Los Angeles for Trans World Radio, Kenya. Also, for their “faith project” to open four more FM Kenya radio stations.
- * The Lord’s continued blessings upon “Dorothy’s Daily Devotional” broadcasts over Kenya Broadcasting Corporation which are heard all over Kenya. Also, through TWR, please pray for the possibility of broadcasting through four new FM radio stations. All CCIM broadcasts are accompanied by the free distribution of literature.
- * “DDD” broadcasts from TWR South Africa reaching multiple African countries to which free CCIM literature is sent at listener request. The same broadcasts heard over calvarychapelradio.co.uk in Britain and received in the USA by Internet.
- * Blessings to listeners as a few **USA local radio stations** are playing some of Richard’s messages and Dorothy’s devotions.
- * The ongoing preparation for CCIM broadcasts and literature distribution through TWR into China and Asia.
- * For the recent reprints in **India** of CCIM literature in Gujarathi, Bengali, Oriya and Malayalam. Please remember to pray for the many dear Christians who are currently being killed or are suffering for Christ in persecuted areas such as Orissa in the north.
- * Translators who often labor under difficult situations. For His enabling and physical protection upon the various national pastors and evangelists who use CCIM literature in many lands.
- * The recent printing of further copies of the Spanish “*Quest*” for wide distribution through TWR in **Latin America**. Also, for continued use of Spanish and English books in USA prisons.
- * A further printing of the Japanese *Your Quest for God* following the recent effective outreach of 10,000 copies **in Japan**. And the completion of the translation of the revised Japanese edition and printing of *Food for Faith*.

Thank you for your fellowship through prayer and gift. In His victory,

