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Iranian Muslims Embracing Christianity in Record Numbers *50,000 Iranians Make a Decision to Follow Jesus*

SAN JOSE, CA, June 14, 2004 – International Antioch Ministries™ (IAM) has won over 50,000 Iranian Muslims to Christ through the ministry's satellite TV broadcast since it first aired in 2002. Seen in “prime time” throughout the Islamic Republic of Iran, IAM's ICTV (Iranian Christian TV™), offers ten hours of programming each week, including: a live, call-in pastoral show; uplifting worship and praise and discipleship instruction. IAM's ICTV is the much loved “home church” for many within closed Muslim countries who dare not worship openly, as well as reaching the globally dispersed Iranian community. Through visions, dreams, and miracles, the Lord confirms the message of the Gospel broadcast daily on ICTV. As a result, each week, Muslims give their hearts to Christ through IAM's ICTV, both on the air and afterwards as IAM ministers to hundreds of calls and emails. Just in the past six months, IAM has seen an three-fold increase in calls, emails and faxes from Iranians living within Iran and worldwide, showing how powerfully the Lord is fulfilling His promise: *“I will set my throne in Elam [Iran],” says the Lord, “and I will destroy its king and princes. But in the latter days I will restore the fortunes of Elam [Iran],” says the Lord. (Jeremiah 49:38-39 NLT)*

IAM also welcomes its first ministry partner, Sammy Tippit Ministries, which is now sharing the precious gospel of Jesus Christ through IAM's ICTV. Pastor Tippit presents his powerful preaching and programs over IAM's ICTV for one hour each week, translated into Farsi (Iranian).

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“The work to evangelize in Iran first began in 1830, by American missionaries. By 1979, nearly 150 years later, only 3,000 evangelical Christians lived in an Iranian population of 50 million,” explained IAM’s founder, Pastor Hormoz Shariat, PhD. “In just two years, we estimate over 50,000 Iranian Muslims have accepted Christianity through IAM’s satellite TV ministry. Many of these new Christians are facing imprisonment, persecution, loss of employment and martyrdom. With the generous support of ministries such as Voice of the Martyrs and Sammy Tippit Ministries, as well as individual donations, IAM is able to maintain and expand our vital work. As former Muslims from the Middle East, we are able to reach out to millions of Muslims and bring them to the light of Christ. We would be delighted to help other churches and ministries reach Muslims in the 10/40 window by advising them as well as assisting with media production and literature translation. We would also like to thank our donors and supporters, without whom this great work could not continue.”

Broadcast in the Iranian language (Farsi), Farsi speakers can learn more about IAM's ICTV, including broadcast times and stations, at www.ic-tv.com, while English speakers can learn more about IAM and its broadcast ministry at its web site: www.iam-online.net.

About International Antioch Ministries (IAM)TM

Leaders in winning Muslims to ChristTM, IAM (www.iam-online.net) was founded by Muslim converts to Christianity in 2002. Headquartered in San Jose, CA, IAM's live, prime-time pastoral call-in satellite TV show into Iran (ICTVTM), has been the catalyst for over 50,000 conversions of Muslims worldwide. IAM plants churches, trains Iranian-speaking Christian leaders for ministry, develops Iranian language evangelistic and discipleship materials and provides humanitarian support to Iranians worldwide. IAM's California-based church plant, The Iranian Christian Church, has the largest affiliated Iranian Christian membership outside of Tehran, Iran, and was featured in February, 2004, by CBN's *The 700 Club* as “America's Church of the Week.” IAM is a self-supporting, non-profit religious organization devoted to fulfilling The Great Commission: first to Iranian Muslims and then to the rest of the Muslim world. For more information, contact International Antioch Ministries, 4265 Kirk Road, San Jose, CA 95124. Phone: 408.267.3274, fax: 408.267.9145, web site: <http://www.iam-online.net>.

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About Sammy Tippit Ministries

Sammy Tippit Ministries, formerly God's Love In Action, is dedicated to global evangelism and revival in the church. Sammy Tippit Ministries exists to glorify God by evangelizing the world for Christ. Sammy Tippit Ministries acts as a catalyst of revival within the Body of Christ worldwide. We equip and impart vision and a passion for the lost to church leaders in such a way that it results in outreach and impacts both cities and nations for Christ with long-term results. For more information, please contact: Ron Johnson, Sammy Tippit Ministries, P.O. Box 781767, San Antonio, TX 78278, Phone: 1.210.492.7501, Fax: 1.210.492.4522 or visit the web site at: <http://www.gospelcom.net/glia/> .

About Voice of the Martyrs

The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) is a non-profit, interdenominational organization with a vision for aiding Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ, fulfilling the Great Commission, and educating the world about the ongoing persecution of Christians. VOM is headquartered in Bartlesville, Oklahoma with thirty affiliated international offices, and an enormous team of servant-hearted volunteers. Voice of the Martyrs, P.O. Box 443, Bartlesville, OK 74005. Phone: 918.337.8015, Fax: 918.338.0189, <http://www.persecution.com> .

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