

Dear Friend,

I am writing to you today to invite you to make a special gift towards our DPM outreaches in the Middle East. Your gift and prayers for our work are needed now more than ever. Let me tell you why.

The political landscape of the Arab world is changing rapidly.

Over the last six months, widespread protests have swept across the Arab world like wildfire. In Tunisia and Egypt, oppressive regimes have been overthrown. Right now, a civil war is taking place in Libya and unrest is simmering in Syria, Yemen, and other countries in this region. People are crying out for justice and freedom from corruption and control.

As new leaders are chosen and concessions are made by rulers desperate to cling onto power, the future is uncertain for our Christian brothers and sisters there. Will these changes bring more freedom for the Gospel, or will the upshot be greater political influence for fundamentalist Muslims?

The persecution of Christians in the Arab world is on the rise.

It is tough to be a Christian in the Middle East at the best of times. Now, however, the future of Christians there seems more uncertain than ever because a move toward democracy doesn't necessarily mean tolerance towards Christians and Muslim converts.

A 2010 Pew Opinion Survey* found that 84 percent of Egyptian Muslims favor the death penalty for apostates of Islam and 95 percent say that they want Islam to play a stronger role in politics. Because this attitude is so prevalent in Egypt and other countries, Christians are likely to suffer a new wave of persecution.

The fact of the matter is that every day believers in Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Algeria, etc., are reaching out to their communities with the Gospel. They are meeting together to pray and to study God's Word knowing that they might be thrown in prison or even martyred for following Jesus. They need Bible teaching to help them grow spiritually.



Take, for example, the testimony of an Iranian pastor who, having read *Blessing or Curse: You Can Choose*, powerfully experienced God's deliverance in his life. He told us that because this teaching is so important for Iranian Christians, he is willing to take huge risks in printing and in distributing copies of *Blessing or Curse* in Farsi.

We want to support this pastor and others by responding quickly and effectively to their requests for life-changing Bible teaching and discipleship resources.

Planting mustard seeds and bearing Kingdom fruit together.

I often liken our ministry in the Middle East to the parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31–32). Every book, satellite TV broadcast, MP3 or DVD containing clear and compelling Bible teaching by Derek Prince is like a mustard seed of faith planting God's Word firmly in the hearts and minds of believers in the Middle East.

For example, a few weeks ago we sent a shipment of 250 Derek Prince books in English and Arabic to Kuwait. This might seem like a drop in the ocean, but we know from past experience that these books will be used to plant God's Word in the lives of the spiritually hungry. Many pass these books on to friends and family.



*For more information about the survey see: www.pewglobal.org/2010

Also, during March and April 2011 we resourced Christians from various churches in Armenia (a country that borders Iran) with Derek's materials in the Farsi language. Over several weeks, evangelistic teams from these churches went out to the streets of Yerevan distributing teaching on the power of the cross. In this way, God's Word was planted in the lives of hundreds of Iranian Muslims visiting Armenia. We are so glad that we were able to assist Armenian Christians in this way, and our prayer is that God will bless their outreaches and increase their Kingdom fruitfulness.

These are just two examples of how we have responded quickly to new ministry opportunities in the Middle East in recent months. And there is a great deal more that we have done and will continue to do in this region with your support and prayers.

Looking into the future.

The recent turmoil and the potential increase of persecution and conflict are not deterring us from staying focused on the task of providing life-changing Bible teaching to spiritually hungry Christians and Muslim seekers.

Will you join forces with us to help plant the seeds of God's Word in the hearts and minds of Christians in the Middle East?

Your gift will enable us to:

Print 5,000 copies of *Secrets of a Prayer Warrior* recently translated into Arabic for distribution across the region. We need **\$9,824** to print this timely teaching for Christians in the Middle East.

Reprint *The Foundation Series for Christians in Algeria*. The total cost of this project is **\$12,280** for 3,000 copies. This resource is a reference book for thousands of Christians, and we want to continue to bless the persecuted church in this land.

We need \$1,228 to translate, edit and lip-sync a 30-minute TV program. Because television is probably the most effective form of outreach in the Arab world, we want to continue our ongoing DVD project to produce satellite TV programs. Last year we raised funds to go toward this project, and we now need to complete the Derek Prince Essentials collection in Arabic.

We are seeking to print 6,000 copies of *Blessing or Curse in Farsi* for distribution to Iran. Our DPM representatives in Armenia are partnering with a network of 100 Iranian pastors to coordinate an outreach campaign among the 200,000 Iranian tourists who are likely to visit Armenia this summer.



Will you make a gift of **\$50, \$100** or **\$150** today so that Christians in Egypt, Algeria, Syria or Iran can draw strength and encouragement from God's Word in these troubled times?

Simply complete the form we have included and send it to us using the envelope provided. Or, you can donate online at: www.derekprince.org/MiddleEast.

Your generous gift will go a long way in planting the seeds of God's Word and bearing Kingdom fruit among Christians and Muslim seekers in the Middle East. And your prayers will keep God's hope and joy alive in their hearts.

With deep gratitude for all that you do for our DPM outreaches.

In His service,

Neil Cornick - Director, Middle East Outreach

