



Saudi awareness

A newsletter to inform about Saudi Arabia

# A cry for answers.

Abdullah never wastes a minute if we are together.

Five minutes after our first introduction I was in a deep-level talk with him about the Trinity and since that first meeting I have never been able to entertain Abdullah with small talk.

In amazement Abdullah declared one time that he had many times asked his foreign Christian colleagues about Christian prayer but never had someone taken the effort to explain things to him.

More Saudis like Abdullah are curious about the Christian faith. Are you willing to become a colleague of them? Are you willing to give your life for the building of Gods Kingdom in Saudi Arabia?



## How can you get in?

Saudi Arabia does not provide mission visa's. Many think that the only way to live in this country is as a "tentmaker", a missionary with a paid job. Actually there are other options as well. Let us consider the main three options to obtain a residency in the country.

### Become an Employee.

Saudi depends on foreigners who take employment in all kind of working fields. In the process of obtaining a job, in most cases, a recruitment agency will be used.

There are several ways to get a job in Saudi. One way is to search through the internet for job availability in your field of expertise. You could also contact recruitment agencies to see what jobs are available. Other ways are to come and visit the country and distribute your CV to different companies. Missionaries in the country can assist in distributing your CV to companies."

### Become a business owner.

You can establish a business in two different ways. You can do it independently without a sponsor or you can open a business with a Saudi sponsor.

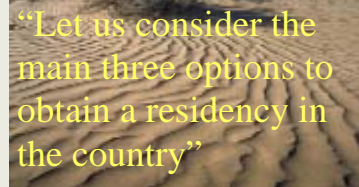
In one of the next newsletters this subject will be explained in more details. In it will be clarified what is required to open a business (education, experience, investments, etc)

### Become an independent resident.

In this case you have a Saudi sponsor who will provide you a residency with or without certain conditions (e.g. a monthly fee). This gives you maximum freedom how you want to spend your time.

In order to get to know a Saudi sponsor you could visit the country with e.g. a business visa. In a later edition of this newsletter we will discuss the options how you can enter the country for a visit.

You may think it's difficult to enter Saudi. The difficulty will give you the opportunity to see God acting on your behalf and deepen your faith that God wants you in Saudi. Many of us remember the miracles God performed to get us into the country. These memories help us to stay faithful when we start doubting if it was a good idea to go to Saudi.



# Proclaiming life through death

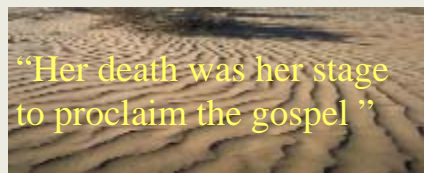
Till this time, the death of our Saudi sister Fatima who was burned to death by her brother in the summer of 2008 is being discussed on the internet. While she was prevented to proclaim the good news in public alive, her death was her stage to proclaim the gospel (<http://gulfnews.com>)

## Church History

In the time of the Roman emperor Diocletian in the years between 303-313, Christians faced a horrible persecution. Many brothers and sisters where imprisoned, tortured and killed in the arena's.

There, while a bloodthirsty crowd was watching, Christians died under terrible sufferings, but...they died in peace. Some praying for their persecutors, some singing a hymn, and so while dying, many lived out their faith.

It is being said that the death of the martyrs became the main stage for that time from which the gospel was preached.



## Your role in Persecution

Persecution is a reality in Saudi Arabia. It is not easy to be involved in the lives of Saudi believers. Just imagine how you would pray for Fatima or how you would counsel her in the face of persecution.

We urge you to pray for believers and those giving the counseling.

## Finance and Tentmakers.

Most missionaries in this region have a paid job, but are not financial independent from their sending churches.

This maybe surprising to many. Let us consider some reasons.

The missionary makes choices to be able to reach the locals that are requiring money. E.g. the missionary may choose to live in the community and not to live in the free housing offered by the employer.

Other reasons for increased costs are that

most foreign contracts have no complete family contract. This means that the employee will e.g. need to pay for the school-fee for their children

More important than financial supporters will be a group of people committed to pray and a home church recognizing Gods leading in the sending of the missionary.



## Get in touch.

This letter is intended to inform those with a special interest in Saudi Arabia. Some readers could consider to come, or stimulating others to do so. Furthermore we hope this letter will stimulate involvement in prayer for the country.

There are a number of ways to be involved in prayer for Saudi. In this issue we highlight one source: [www.LoveSaudis.com](http://www.LoveSaudis.com)

This network has different ways of involvement. One is that you can subscribe to a daily one minute prayer reminder for the country. You can subscribe by emailing [info@lovesaudis.com](mailto:info@lovesaudis.com)

## Contact us

If you would like to get in touch with us, "Christian workers in Saudi", than you can write an email to [info@lovesaudis.com](mailto:info@lovesaudis.com)

Also you could contact a mission agency to ask more information about Saudi Arabia.

