

# Skywaves

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## Making disciples of all nations

God uses Hamed, you and a heart language

to make disciples in Indonesia

Hamed is an Iranian refugee now producing Radio PARS – Yaski Radio’s Persian-language broadcast for Afghan and Iranian refugees in Indonesia – that airs on Heartline Radio Jakarta and online.

Hamed’s own faith journey began in the most unlikely way.

Around 2011, while still in Iran, a friend started talking to him about Jesus Christ. Not a pastor. Not a missionary. But someone who, like Hamed, had grown up with no Christian background at all.

That conversation planted a seed. But it took...

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## The small speaker boxes you gift

are making disciples of people who can't read

Oum Nhep is 78 years old. Her back is bent with age. But when she heard about the Cambodia Community Bible Institute – CCBI – she didn't hesitate. She signed up. **"Even though I'm old, I still have a mission,"** she told her family.

Oum Nhep is one of 560 students across 12 provinces who gathered in 2025 to study God's Word through CCBI – a discipleship program run by Voice of Love (VOL), the local FEBC Partner in Cambodia. VOL operates Krusa FM, the country's only Christian radio station, and CCBI extends that ministry far beyond the broadcast signal – **right into the villages where believers like Oum Nhep live and serve.**

Here's what makes CCBI so different. Most of the students can't read. So the program is built around small solar-powered speaker boxes loaded with audio Scripture curriculum. Every three months, the content is swapped out for the next module. Students gather in their local church, listen together, discuss what they've heard, and begin applying it in their homes and communities. **They're being rooted in God's Word** – studying it, discussing it, living it.

In a village about 20 kilometres from the Thai border in Battambang Province, 15 members of one church are studying through CCBI. The pastor says the audio program teaches the Old and New Testaments better than he can on his own. And the fruit is already showing.

One woman, a new Christian, was drawn to the courage of David – his dedication to always ask for God's direction. Her son was the first in the family to come to Christ. Now he reads the Bible aloud to the family. **The faith is growing and multiplying – one household at a time.**

A few hundred kilometres away in Kampong Chhnang Province, a Krusa FM listener, Srey Mom, explained the impact of the CCBI audio program:

**"I can't read very well, but through studying God's Word, I've learned to trust Him more and pray more often than before."**

That's discipleship. Oum Nhep at 78, still hungry to go deeper. A new believer in Battambang, whose son reads the Bible to the whole family. The speaker boxes provided through your generosity, carrying God's Word into places it's never been.

Your partnership with FEBC helps make each of those Christ-centred moments possible – putting God's Word into the ears of people who might never have had the chance to study it for themselves.



**Seventy-eight year-old Oum Nhep has been studying God's Word through the CCBI discipleship program and speaker boxes your support helps makes possible.**



## An isolated family in Yemen – and their executioner –

are rooted deeply in Christ thanks to the radio waves you help transmit

In Yemen, following Christ can cost you everything. And yet, every day, a one-hour broadcast goes out in Yemeni Arabic – Bible teaching, honest conversations, the gospel – produced by our Yemen Partner. **For families with no reliable internet, that shortwave signal is often their only connection to God's Word.**

These are families like the one that Rahman\* was recently ordered to kill. This is their – and Rahman's – miraculous testimony...

Rahman left his home and his family to find work during the war. What he found instead was a trap. He was deceived into joining an armed movement. Too far in to walk away, he kept sending money home – but never told his family where it came from.

**In his heart, he tried to avoid killing.** But one day, his commander accompanied him on a mission to a rural family's home. The order was plain: execute them. When Rahman hesitated, his commander pressed a gun to his head.

Rahman prayed. **He begged God to save the family.**

The commander began to shake, felt pain and collapsed.

Rahman stood there trembling. He told the family to run. But the father stepped forward instead, looked him in the eye, and spoke gently.

"God bless you, my friend. God sees your struggle."

Rahman was shaking. "You prayed for me?"

**"We believe in Christ,"** the father said. "I knew you would risk your life for us. We prayed for you."

"I prayed too," Rahman whispered. "I didn't want to kill anyone."

The father placed a hand on his shoulder. "God answered. Christ's love is here. You are not alone."

Through tears, Rahman said the words that changed his life: "I want to know this Christ."

**That family – who had no internet, no outside contact – had been listening to the Yemen Partner's shortwave broadcasts.** The signal you helped send into Yemen throughout years of war. They introduced Rahman to the programs. He connected with our Partner in Yemen via WhatsApp, was baptised, and is now part of a church.

Many believers in Yemen are convinced they are the only Christian in the country. When they tune in and discover they are not alone, it changes everything. Behind the broadcasts, a team responds to every WhatsApp message – walking listeners through Scripture, forming Bible study groups, and connecting new believers with local churches for baptism and fellowship. **The signal starts the journey. The follow-up walks it out.**

Rahman's story is one of many. But it captures the essence of what your support makes possible in Yemen – a signal that reaches the isolated and the searching until all have heard.

***"I want to know this Christ."***  
**– Rahman**

\*Name changed to protect identity.



## God uses Hamed, you and a heart

### language to make disciples in Indonesia

(continued from front) ...years, and a move to Indonesia, before it broke ground.

**“For the first time, I felt love,”** Hamed says of his first visit to an Indonesian church. “All the people showed love to me. Every smile, every welcome, they were really warm to me.” He enrolled in Bible study classes, drawn by something he had never encountered before: salvation. Not just forgiveness, but permanent rescue. He was baptised in 2019.

One verse captured his heart and has never let go – Isaiah 49:15. *“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast?... Though she may forget, I will not forget you”* (NIV).

**That promise now drives everything Hamed does.** He produces two Radio PARS programs every week covering refugee rights, biblical teaching and practical hope. Four nights a week he runs Bible study classes. He organises futsal teams to build trust and open doors. He personally visits families across Jakarta, Bogor, Bandung and beyond – more than 1,000 contacts so far among the estimated 5,000 Persian-speaking refugees and asylum seekers in Indonesia.

Through your partnership with Yaski, those contacts are hearing the gospel in their heart language.

Consider one family Hamed met through the radio ministry. They had tried to reach Australia by boat. Police caught them. They were sent back. Their asylum claim was rejected. They wanted to die. “They didn’t have any hope,” Hamed recalls.

**Through Bible study and radio, the father came to faith and was baptised.** His wife and daughter are now coming to believe as well.

Then there is the Iranian man who arrived in the

country trapped in drug addiction. **For months, Hamed’s team walked alongside him** – studying Scripture together, offering practical help, refusing to give up. Slowly, over six or seven months, the man began to leave the drugs behind. One night, he testified, a figure in long white robes took his hand. Hamed believes it was Jesus, coming to him personally. He has been clean ever since, and he still attends Hamed’s classes.

**These are not overnight transformations.** They are the fruit of patient, persistent discipleship – faith walked out week after week in community. And it’s your partnership with Yaski Radio that gives people like Hamed the platform and the reach to stay the course with people who are searching.

Five thousand Persian-speaking refugees and asylum seekers live in Indonesia. For many of them, Radio PARS may be the only voice telling them they are not forgotten. Hamed is determined to reach each one. **And he doesn’t do it alone, thanks to you.**



**“They didn’t have any hope.”** – Hamed (pictured above) recalling the plight of one Persian-speaking refugee family who later came to faith through Radio PARS and its outreach ministry. Photo top: Hamed pictured with one of the refugees he disciples.



Thanks to your faithful support,

local missionaries in South Asia are discipling listeners in their homes

A 35-year-old factory worker, Ranjeet, had been a listener of the radio program of our Partner in South Asia for two years. Life with his wife and young son was steady. Then everything fell apart.

His wife grew distant, told him she wanted a divorce, and left – taking their son to another part of the country. When Ranjeet discovered she was in a relationship with another man, he tried to reach her. She blocked all contact.

Alone and devastated, Ranjeet turned to the team behind the heart-language broadcast he trusted. **They prayed with him. They shared the hope of God's Word. They kept showing up** – through phone calls, through messages, staying close, even when there were no easy answers.

The pain of separation is still real. His circumstances have not been neatly resolved. But Ranjeet's faith is growing. He continues to receive prayer and encouragement, holding on to the hope that Jesus brings – even in the middle of grief that has no quick answer.

**Ranjeet's story shows what your support for our Partner in South Asia makes possible** – and it reaches people in two ways.

The first is radio. Radio programs air across AM and FM stations each week – local teams across the country produced 239 new programs and delivered 396 broadcasts in the second half of 2025. In that time, **4,774 listeners responded** by phone call, text message or WhatsApp.

But a response is a beginning, not an ending. And that's where the second part of your support comes in.

**Local trained believers do the slow, patient work that radio alone cannot**, through intentional discipleship and outreach calls. They visit families in their homes, sit with people in their pain, pray beside them, open the Scriptures, and stay.

Between July and December 2025, these local teams visited 45 families – 207 people in all. An additional 39 seekers attended deeper discipleship gatherings, growing in faith alongside others on the same journey.

**The broadcast signal continues to go out, and local missionaries continue to follow up – through your faithful support of our Partner in South Asia.** The heart-language broadcast opens the door, and the journey with Jesus continues powerfully in families long after the broadcast ends.

***"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." – Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)***



# Indonesia Field Report

## From Janet

Dear Friend,

I've just returned from visiting our FEBC Indonesia team – Yaski Radio – and I want to share with you what I saw. Because God is at work, and your faithful partnership has helped build all that I witnessed there.

The Yaski team is extraordinary. Their CEO and National Director, Yoke, carries a conviction that fills the room – and his team matches it with courage and compassion. I loved walking around the building hearing laughter, seeing people jump to help each other. **But it was the listeners who moved me most.**

I met refugees living in cramped conditions, unable to work under Indonesian law, unsure where “home” will be. I met mothers of children living with disabilities – women who feel shame, experience discrimination, and fear their child's situation is somehow their own fault. Women who don't yet know the God who loves them deeply and equally.

And then I met people whose lives have been changed. One listener plays Yaski Radio in his restaurant hoping someone will ask him what it's all about.

Young people told me they hang their phones on the wall and play Yaski Radio through the day so their homes and workplaces are full of the Holy Spirit.

Then there's Hamed, whose story moved me deeply. He's a producer with Radio PARS – Yaski's broadcast ministry to Farsi-speaking refugees from the Middle East, central and southern Asia – and there's more about his journey in this edition.

But I'll say this: he once understood God through adherence and fear. Now he knows the God of endless love.

**These are the Christ-followers being strengthened by your prayers and equipped through your faithful partnership.**

The Yaski team is strategic and uncompromising in their faith. Each location, each audience is different – and they know it. They'll try new things, build relationships slowly, and push into places where local regulations still block them from broadcasting Scripture directly.

As Yoke told me: *“If you know how, if the Lord gives you the wisdom, it can happen.”*

And Yaski Ministry Director Yancen reminded me of something powerful about the medium we share: *“Radio is the theatre of mind. Talk to one person. Make it intimate.”*

That's what your support makes possible. One voice, reaching one heart at a time.

The stories in this edition are a reminder: the work doesn't end when someone hears the gospel. It's the beginning of a long journey of being rooted, growing, and becoming someone who carries the message forward. And it's a journey that local FEBC Partner teams and local churches walk together with listeners – long after the broadcast ends.

Thank you for your continuing partnership, until all have heard.



**Janet Cousins, CEO**