

God's Relentless Grace Erupts in the Land of the Turks

"TBN's breakthrough in Turkey is an amazing testimony of God's faithfulness ..."

In 2014, our trip to Turkey began as a simple exploration of the area. As we visited the country, one question nagged at us day after day: *Would it be possible to have a 24-hour Turkish-language channel?* We *had* to know.

As we traveled, we didn't yet fully realize God's plan, but we began to see the significance of the country unfold before us. Istanbul, Turkey, is the crossroads where Europe and Asia meet, and it's one of the largest cities in the world with close to 20 *million* people.

When we arrived in this historic city, I couldn't shake thoughts like, "Where would I even find the people and programmers here to have a Turkish Christian station?" Knowing where to start seemed nothing short of a pipe dream. But we serve a God who makes dreams come true.

God Says YES

Though nothing major happened that year in Turkey, God's plan began to unfold. Little did I know, God would use a relationship with one of our programmers to build the foundation for this dream of a Turkish station.

It turned out that Joyce Meyer's son, David, had a connection with a small broadcaster in the region—the *Kanal Hayat* Network. As much of a surprise as this was, I wasn't prepared for an even bigger surprise: It turned out we would be a possible answer to *their* prayers. While we

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were seeking a way to start a 24-hour Turkish-language channel, the people at *Kanal Hayat* were praying for support to help with expanding their network.

Tore Pansell, *Kanal Hayat*'s program director, told me, "When I was first presented with the idea of starting a network in Turkey, I was given four distinct 'nos.' I was told no because they said I'd never get airtime, and if I did, the government would take it away. I was told no because they said I'd never find a Turk willing to show their face on air. I was told no because it would be difficult to record a program in Turkey for security reasons.



And I was told *no* because I would never be able to find a Christian Turk educated in television production.

"After being confronted with all these reasons why it wouldn't work, <u>I felt</u> <u>something else in my spirit. I knew it</u> <u>was God saying, 'YES</u>."

This step of obedience was what put them into the position of connecting with us ... and once we were connected, it was *both* our dreams come true! In fact, for the past couple years, this connection has proved more powerful than I ever imagined.

Grace in 4 Major Languages

With TBN backing *Kanal Hayat*, their outreach has greatly expanded (an answer to their prayer). On top of that, TBN now has a full team broadcasting the Gospel in the four major languages in the Middle East and Muslim world—Farsi, Urdu, Arabic, and Turkish (an answer to our prayer!). Imagine that: This hope and grace is now reaching <u>600 million Muslims in their native</u> languages.

Pastor Glucu Corey Erman, a local pastor in Turkey who's on the *Kanal Hayat* Network, confirmed, "Media is extremely important in Turkey because this region is one of the least reading nations in the world. Here they watch TV. That's why I am on TV preaching, so they can receive. We've seen thousands of Muslims come to Christ because the Gospel is on 24/7 in Turkey."

The Rich History of the Gospel in Turkey

When I look at what's now happening with the Gospel reaching Muslims in Turkey, I can't overlook the significance of it all. Saul—the great persecutor of the early church—was from Tarsus, a city that was located in the southern part of Turkey. Saul, from southern Turkey, was transformed into the Apostle Paul.

Some of Paul's mighty letters were penned in the same region where TBN is now broadcasting the Gospel 24/7. TBN's work is simply an extension of what God started in this region centuries ago!

This is why I'm so thankful for our partners and every person who has ever given to TBN. This breakthrough only happened because of you. Lives are being changed in this entire region because of your faithfulness.

And we're not stopping! We're going to keep moving forward, thankful for our God who makes divine connections and blesses every work of His servants' hands.

Stay tuned for more,

Matt and Laurie Crouch

TOGETHER WE CAN REACH THE WORLD

Dear Friend,

God's greatest desire is to reach the lost. As we approach the end of the year, consider asking God what you can sow into the outreaches of TBN. These are dark days, and the message of hope and grace needs to reach the hurting like never before.

Thank you for your willingness to be a blessing and to send the message of Jesus to the world!

-Matt & Laurie

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MYSTORY JESUS SOFTENS AN ANGRY MAN

"There was a lot of violence in my

home while growing up. My mother was mentally ill, and she'd beat me severely all the time. As a result, violence and rage was all I knew. I tried to drown my pain in drugs, alcohol, and women. None of it worked.

"As result, in 1991 I was arrested and spent the next 24 years in prison. When you're doing a lot of prison time, it seems like an impossible task to find hope in such an environment.

"Then TBN's Second Chance program came along. It meant the world to me, because where I felt ashamed, guilty, and abandoned, TBN taught me about the love and mercy of God. In my weakness, they provided me a message that offered me strength.

"Being peaceful in such circumstances for as long as I was—that was the hardest thing I've ever had to do. The messages from TBN saved me. I exited prison knowing God loves me."

This is **#MyStory.** – TBN Partner, Paul Martin

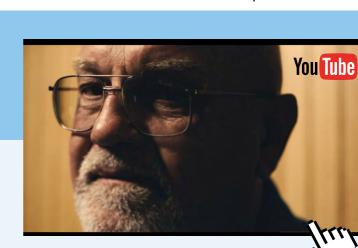
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We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers ...

1 THESSALONIANS 1:2, NKJV

We're Thankful ... *for You!*

This Thanksgiving, TBN wants you to know we are <u>thankful</u> for your connection and faithful support. Together we are reaching out to the lost with a message of hope and grace through Jesus. The Gospel remains on air 24/7 because you dare to make a difference.

Thank you. —Your TBN Family

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-Matt & Laurie Crouch



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