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Acts 20:23-24

As Iran celebrates the Iranian New Year, Iranian Christians face an ongoing wave of arrests that began last December. Several believers were released in March, but at least 27 remain in detention. Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani, who was arrested in October 2009 and subsequently sentenced to death, remains a matter of international concern. The Christian Post reported on March 15 that an Iranian envoy told a human rights investigator that Nadarkhani was guilty of "offending Islam." The envoy said Nadarkhani was inviting juveniles into his home to preach Christianity, that he had an illegal church in his basement, and that by preaching Christianity he had offended Islam. Previously, the Iranian government had said Nadarkhani was charged with rape, extortion and Zionism. The United States, Brazil, Netherlands, Germany, Mexico, France, Great Britain and the European Union have all called for Nadarkhani's release. Pray for all Iranian Christians who are persecuted for their faith.

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*****GET THIS OUT THERE, This seems to be keeping pressure on Iran to at least NOT kill him yet***** (Or maybe the Lord want to see how his children will rally and truly call upon him for the solution)...I dont know...but Im faithful.

((His name is pronounced "You-sef Nad-ra-kahn-y" but spelled "Youcef Nadarkhani"

- (1) - My comments about this
- (2) - Media references regarding this case and situation
- (3) - Background info from a Christian persecution website.
- (4) - A letter I sent to Congressman Hurt this morning through his website.

(1) There is a Christian Pastor of the Evangelical denomination who has been in prison in Iran since October 2009 and has recently been sentenced to death for apostasy. His name is Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani and is a father of 2 children and a wife.

This Brother, Pastor, Husband, and Father has been in a prison system that is known for harsh treatment toward its criminals. What would you imagine Pastor Youcef is undergoing on account of apostasy against Islam?

I beg you to please take this to your Churches, home groups, Bible study's, any gathering of fellow believers and cry out for our sovereign God to do. Just do. I fear satan can use this situation well as I for one and getting all worked up having a history where I dont particularly care for the government of Iran so I desperately need your faithfulness to call upon the Lord as well.

For the Pastors on this email. Just think of this as a send in prayer request but remember, time is of the essence for Pastor Youcef. - AND IF THIS IS NOT PERT OF YOUR CHURCH PROGRAM JUST REALIZE THE CONSEQUENCES ON KNOWING AND NOT OBEDIENCE AS A MATTER OF WHATEVER.....This man is a child of God we are talking about.

(2) I am pasting comments and the link to the site watching this situation as it develops:
<http://www.prisoneralert.com/>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dT13xsxIGJM>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfLjoS8Unws&feature=related>

(3) Youcef Nadarkhani, a 34-year-old pastor from Rasht, about 750 miles northwest of Tehran, was arrested in October 2009 after he protested a government policy that required children, including his 8- and 9-year-old sons, to study the Quran in school. Youcef told school officials that the Iranian constitution allows for freedom of religious practice. As a result

of his protest, secret police called him before a political tribunal and arrested him for protesting. The charges were later amended to apostasy and evangelism of Muslims. Youcef was tried on Sept. 21–22, 2010 by the 1st Court of the Revolutionary Tribunal and sentenced to death on Nov. 13 for apostasy.

The pastor is imprisoned in Lakan prison, where authorities have used various methods, including medication, to convert him back to Islam.

After Youcef refused to convert to Islam, his wife was arrested, put on trial without an attorney and sentenced to life in prison. She was later released after an attorney appealed her sentence. The Nadarkhanis' children were cared for by a relative while they were both in prison.

Youcef Again Pressured to Recant

VOM contacts say the chief justice in Gilan province told Youcef's lawyers last week (Jan. 16, 2012) that if Youcef repents, he will be released. Youcef told his attorneys repenting means leaving Christianity to return to Islam. He said it was impossible for him to "return" to Islam, since he was never Muslim.

(4) Honorable Congressman Hurt,

I am a voting, tax paying constituent of yours and have had many reasons to write you in the past but due to an understanding of how busy I would assume you to be, I chose to save my comments for situations I find out of control. My family are active members of a Baptist Church in your district and have begun an open prayer request for a Pastor who has been sentenced to die for his Christian beliefs in Iran. There is some sort of motion going on in Congress all the way to the DoS regarding this case. I implore you to become an active participant in this rally to free Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani from his prison and relieve his family from religious persecution in Iran. I am well aware that this presidential administration did NOT fill the office of Ambassador of religious freedom for about 2 years which alone speaks volumes to the protection my faith has in countries such as Iran and other like it. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE SAY OR DO SOMETHING QUICKLY!!!! You are the voice of many I will carry this to in churches throughout this district.

Respectfully,
-trk

SPANISH VERSION:

***** Sacar esto hay, esto parece estar manteniendo la presiÃ³n sobre IrÃ¡n para que por lo menos no matarlo pero ***
**** (O tal vez el SeÃ±or desea ver cÃ³mo sus hijos se unirÃ¡n y verdaderamente un llamado a para Ã©l la soluciÃ³n) ...
No sÃ© ... pero soy fiel. -Ted

((Su nombre se pronuncia "Usted-sef Nad-ra-Kahn-y", pero escrito "Youcef Nadarkhani"

- (1) - Mis comentarios acerca de esta
- (2) - las referencias de medios respecto a este caso y la situaciÃ³n
- (3) - Antecedentes informaciÃ³n de un sitio web persecuciÃ³n de los cristianos.
- (4) - Una carta que enviÃ© al Congreso esta maÃ±ana Hurt through su pÃ¡gina web.

(1) No hay un pastor cristiano de la denominaciÃ³n evangÃ©lica que ha estado en prisÃ³n en IrÃ¡n desde octubre de 2009 y recientemente ha sido condenado a muerte por apostasÃ-a. Su nombre es el pastor Youcef Nadarkhani y es padre de 2 hijos y una esposa.

Este hermano, pastor, esposo y padre ha estado en un sistema penitenciario que es conocido por los malos tratos hacia sus criminales. ¿QuÃ© te imaginas pastor Youcef estÃ¡ sufriendo a causa de la apostasÃ-a contra el Islam?

Le ruego que por favor tome esto a sus iglesias, los grupos dominicos, Biblia de estudio, cualquier reunÃ³n de hermanos en la fe y clamar a nuestro Dios soberano de hacer. SÃ³lo haga. Me temo que SatanÃ¡s puede utilizar esta situaciÃ³n asÃ- como por mi parte, y conseguir todos sus estados con una historia donde yo particularmente no me importa para el gobierno de IrÃ¡n por lo que necesitan desesperadamente de su fidelidad a invocar al SeÃ±or tambiÃ©n.

Para los pastores en este correo electrÃ³nico. Basta pensar en esto como un envÃ³ en la solicitud de la oraciÃ³n, pero

recuerde, el tiempo es la esencia para el pastor Youcef. - Y SI ESTO NO ES DE SU PROGRAMA DE PERT IGLESIA S OLO cuenta de las consecuencias en el saber y NO OBEDECER COMO UNA CUESTIÃ“N DE LO Este hombre es un hijo de Dios que estamos hablando.

(2) estoy pegando los comentarios y el enlace al sitio observando esta situaciÃ³n, ya que se desarrolla:

<http://www.prisoneralert.com/>

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(3) Youcef Nadarkhani, un pastor de 34 aÃ±os de edad, de Rasht, a unos 750 kilÃ³metros al noroeste de TeherÃ¡n, fue arrestado en octubre de 2009 despuÃ©s de que Ãl protestÃ³ una polÃ-tica gubernamental de que los hijos, incluyendo a su hijos de 8 y 9 aÃ±os de edad, para estudiar el CorÃ¡n en la escuela. Youcef dijo a los funcionarios de la escuela que la ConstituciÃ³n iranÃ- permite la libertad de prÃ¡ctica religiosa. Como resultado de su protesta, la policÃ-a secreta le IslamÃ³ antes de que un tribunal polÃ-tico y lo arrestaron por protestar. Los cargos fueron modificados posteriormente a la apostasÃ-a y la evangelizaciÃ³n de los musulmanes. Youcef fue juzgado el 21 hasta 22 septiembre, 2010 por el Tribunal primero del Tribunal Revolucionario y condenado a muerte el 13 de noviembre por apostasÃ-a.

El pastor estÃ¡ preso en la cÃ¡rcel Lakan, donde las autoridades han utilizado diversos mÃ©todos, incluyendo la medicaciÃ³n, para convertirlo de nuevo al Islam.

DespuÃ©s de Youcef se negÃ³ a convertirse al Islam, su esposa fue detenido, sometido a juicio sin abogado y condenado a cadena perpetua. MÃ¡s tarde fue liberada despuÃ©s de un abogado apelÃ³ la sentencia. Los hijos de los Nadarkhanis estaban al cuidado de un familiar cuando ambos estaban en la cÃ¡rcel.

Youcef vez mÃ¡s presiones para que se retractara

Contactos VOM dicen que el presidente del Tribunal Supremo, en provincia de Gilan dijo a los abogados Youcef la semana pasada (16 de enero de 2012) que si se arrepiente Youcef, serÃ¡ puesto en libertad. Youcef dijo a sus abogados arrepentimiento significa dejar el cristianismo a retornar al Islam. Dijo que era imposible para Ãl "regresar" al Islam, ya que Ãl nunca fue musulmÃ¡n.

(4) El congresista Honorable Hurt,

Yo soy un voto, constituyente de pago de impuestos de los tuyos y han tenido muchas razones para que usted escriba en el pasado, pero debido a una comprensiÃ³n de lo ocupado que se supone que para ser, optÃ© por guardar mis comentarios para situaciones me parecen fuera de control. Mi familia son miembros activos de una iglesia bautista en su distrito y han comenzado una peticiÃ³n de oraciÃ³n abierto a un pastor que ha sido condenado a morir por sus creencias cristianas en IrÃ¡n. Hay algÃºn tipo de movimiento pasa en el Congreso hasta el final a la denegaciÃ³n de servicio en relación con este caso. Te suplico que convertirse en un participante activo en este rally para liberar a Nadarkhani pastor Youcef de su prisÃ³n y liberar a su familia de la persecuciÃ³n religiosa en IrÃ¡n. Soy muy consciente de que esta administraciÃ³n presidencial no desempeÃ±ar el cargo de Embajador de la libertad religiosa durante unos 2 aÃ±os, que habla por sÃ- sola a la protecciÃ³n de mi fe tiene en pÃ¡ses como IrÃ¡n y otros como Ãl.POR FAVOR POR FAVOR POR FAVOR decir o hacer algo PRONTO!! Usted es la voz de muchos que llevarÃ© esto en las iglesias de todo el distrito.

Respetuosamente,

-TRK

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This man is an Evangelical Christian Pastor. THIS IS A PRAYER REQUEST TO SAVE A CHRISTIAN BROTHERS LIFE . Pastors...why dont you post this to your blogs or your web sites? Now that you know...It will be between the Lord God and you as to what you do or dont.

Brothers and Sisters who are receiving this email. The equation is simple.

1 John 4 says Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Now Brothers and Sisters and Pastors...What do I benefit from sending this to YOU? That is for the Lord to decide. BUT

what will you reap before the Lord on YOUR day when you could have done something but were to occupied with other matters? We are a body. I would bring any need to my knees and the house of the Lord for you because you are my Brothers and Sisters.

Matthew 12:36-37 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him (WE ARE THE CHURCH)

<http://gnli.christianpost.com/video/world-unites-for-release-of-pastor-yousef-nadarkhani-2640>

Pastor Nadarkhani writing about faith from prison in January 2011, after receiving the death sentence

Â“The Word of God tells us to Â“expect to suffer hardshipÂ” and dishonour for the sake of His Name. Our Christian confession is not acceptable if we ignore this statement, if we do not manifest the patience of the Lord in our sufferings. Anybody ignoring it will be ashamed in that day. Let us remember that sometimes the leap of faith leads us towards some impasses. Just as the Word led the sons of Israel leaving Egypt toward the impasse of the Red sea. These impasses are midway between promises of God and their fulfilment and they challenge our faith. Believers are to accept these challenges as a part of their spiritual course.Â”