



SOMALI CHRISTIAN
MEDIA MINISTRIES
December 2023

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones, from Somali Christian Media Ministries!



Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Grace, joy and peace be to you, our family in Christ.

We pray this letter finds you well and encourages you this Christmastime!

We are so excited and constantly amazed by the grace of our Lord Jesus! Thanks to your support and prayers, this year has been very fruitful, and the ministry is continuing to reach even more Somalis all over the world! We sincerely thank you for your constant prayers for the Somalis and for our ministry; without you, we would not be able to do this important work of sharing the Gospel with the unreached Somali Muslims.

Thanks to you, we are so excited to share with you that many are still coming to know Jesus through our ministry every day, praise God. The ones in safe countries have connected with networking partners and the ones in Somalia and Muslim countries are in contact with us for fellowship and mentoring. Please continue to pray for the new believers as their lives are full of so many challenges.

Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts, for your continued prayer and support for our ministry. We love you!

Our studio and office facility is now outside our apartment

As we have now separated the ministry from our own home for the first time, we are looking to fund a project to acquire a permanent location for the ministry in the new year. At the moment, we are renting an apartment to host our studio and office space but the lease finishes in May 2024. This was an important move for us to have a better work/life balance and to do the work God calls us to do more effectively.

A major step of faith

This is a significant step in reaching even more Somali Muslims with the Gospel. Recently, we are hearing people comment under our videos that this is the first time they are seeing any Somali Christians! God willing with your help and your prayers, this ministry will find a permanent studio and office space in 2024. This will be a place for the 4 of us to make high quality videos and programmes for our collaborating TV stations in Ethiopia and Norway, as well as office space so our team can expand.

We hope to raise 650000 EUR and currently have around 5% for this. If you would like to partner with us on this project, you can do so on the link down below:

OM USA Discipleship Centre fund: <https://give.omusa.org/om/donate?sc=&fund-id=9838>
Please feel free to email us for more details about this!

You can also partner with our family by supporting us personally! To do so, you can directly send funds to

OM UK

<https://www.uk.om.org/appeal/Gabo>

Somali Christian Media Ministry also have a bank account in Spain, where you can send gifts directly:

Bank: BBVA

International (IBAN): ES35 0182 4103 3902 0165 8901

Name: Ministerio somalí de Media Cristiana

With your help, we can continue to spread the Gospel to the Somalis in 2024 and beyond. This is a very exciting time for our ministry and with your donations and especially your prayers, you are a part of history being made! We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Shino's recent trip to Norway and the Unreached conference

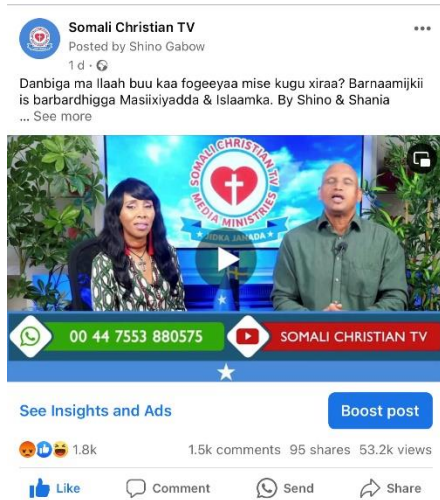
In October, Shino visited Norway to attend and speak at a conference called Unreached, as one of the main speakers, sharing how to best reach the Somali Muslims. This was a blessed time networking with churches who also want to reach the unreached, praise God. While Shino was in Norway, there was also fundraising that was done by one of our partners. Separating the ministry and our home has made us run into some financial difficulty over the summer and we desperately needed help as a family... We were so worried, but we thank God for our Good Samaritan in Norway helped fundraise for us there. We want to thank her and the churches in Norway for helping us so much! May God bless our Good Samaritan and the churches in Norway!

An amazing couple joining our team in 2024

Good news! The ministry is rapidly growing, and we praise God!!! The European Area Leader of OM introduced our family to a lovely couple who reside in Australia, who will help us network and find an Accountant and Fundraiser for our ministry. They plan to live close by for 3 months to help us with finding suitable people to join our ministry... please pray we find the right people who can help us with this as all our workloads are increasing and we really need the help!

Recent viral video! Praise God!

One of our Somali videos recently went viral on Facebook, praise God!



First picture on the left is when it gained 53.2k views within 24 hours. As of today, it now has 215k views, as you can see on the second picture.

This video was a comparison on how Islam and Christianity views sinning. We sourced from the Bible

and Muslim texts like Quran and Hadiths. We are so thankful to God for this video spreading throughout the Somali community on Facebook!

Because of this viral video, we have had 1,600 followers and 285 contacts through WhatsApp. Many were saying that this is the first time they have ever seen or heard of Somali Christians!!! We also led 7 people to Christ in the first 24 hours of the video being posted. God is moving in an incredible way amongst the Somalis!! Praise the Lord!

Unfortunately, when one of our videos goes viral like the one who gained 1 million views earlier this year, the Somali Muslims and sheikhs rally the audience up to dislike bomb or report us! This would then mean our future videos will not have the same reach... Please pray for this attack on social media and for this to not affect our future videos.

This man on the right, for example, made a video on us to tell the Somalis to stop watching our videos and report us as we are a threat to their Muslim society.

Please pray for our safety as well as we have had many people calling and messaging us to attack us and threaten us.

Testimonies



We would love to share with you two stories of lives transformed by Jesus, through our ministry, and the impact your prayer and support is having on the Somali people.

One is of a Quran teacher, who teaches 15 girls and 11 boys how to recite the Quran in a village in Ogaden, Ethiopia. He used to teach the Quran faithfully to the children for many years and noticed that every other month or so, a new sheikh from a different Muslim sect would visit. These sheikhs would say that anyone teaching anything different than their version of Islam is an infidel and should be killed! Every single one that would visit had their own sect and their own teachings. This left the Quran teacher so confused... He thought Islam was one... He decided to do some research online and found our video saying that Jesus is the only way to Heaven and that He is the way, the life and the truth. He realised that Islam came many years after Jesus and Jesus is the one who is coming back. He called us, we prayed with him and led him to Christ. Praise God! He asked for us to send him a Bible in Arabic and in Somali. Now, he wants to learn about the Bible more and teach the kids at his Quran school about the Bible instead! Please pray that God gives him the wisdom, strengthens him and allows him to teach this new generation all about Jesus.

Another story is from a famous Somali singer who had been following us for quite some time. He had question for his whole life: what was the reason for God to create us? He said how Muslims are always fighting, especially in Somalia, and calling each other infidels. Why would God create us to hate one another? He called our WhatsApp, and we shared that God created us in His image and out of love for us... He said that this was the answer he was searching for! He decided there and then to follow Jesus. Please pray his faith to be strengthened and his safety! He says that he would love to sing for Jesus in the future but now lives in danger in Somalia so is hiding his faith out of fear.

Thank you!

Thank you for all your prayers and support this year for Somali Christian Media Ministries! Without you we can't do what the Lord has called us to do. We are all in it together to build His Kingdom. Please keep praying and supporting us!

Support links

If you wish to support us and the ministry, please use the following links. God bless you.

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to support us using our OM links, please write 'personal/ministry' on the reference if it is a personal or ministry gift. As for the Discipleship Centre project for our house, please write 'Discipleship Centre reference.

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With love and blessings,

Somali Christian Media Ministries.