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Greetings!

I am a retired Baptist Pastor living in Salzburg and am writing at the request of our present pastor, Hubert Frank and the team of elders. As I write you I recall our good cooperation with my dear friend Rev.Richard Solberg, who served during the last five years at Salzburg International Church.

We are looking and praying for a “young” retired evangelical minister preferably Baptist, who might feel called to a ministry to refugees, which I started over 12 years ago. He needs to have his own support as our church is not large enough to support a second full time minister.

There are many thousands of Asylum seekers that manage to enter Austria illegally from many different countries. Most of these have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord called me into this ministry after my retirement and has given me the joy of leading many to a saving faith in Christ. Most of them were Muslim. Some inevitably have moved on the Refugee Highway. But a good number have been baptised – most of these are Iranians and Afghans - and are members of our Salzburg Baptist Church (German language).

We need a man who is a missionary at heart and who can contact strangers of another culture naturally without inhibitions. Some knowledge of the Muslim faith, or of Farsi would be an advantage, though God has used me without it. A knowledge of German is desirable as his work should be done in close cooperation with the German speaking church. I have taught myself what I know of Islam through books and conversations with Muslims. Though I am seventy eight and my health is threatened by a serious heart condition, I am still active and willing to introduce and help a new person to this ministry.

I am aware that our request is not a normal one, but we would be very grateful, if through your good services the Lord would provide us with the right person.

With best wishes for your service in the Kingdom of God.

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### **Short statement of our need**

*The Baptist Church (Austrian) in Salzburg, Austria needs the help of a retired pastor / missionary to help with and expand its ministry to refugees. We are praying for a man with a missionary heart who loves culturally different people and is emotionally strong enough to minister to people with heartbreaking experiences. A certain knowledge of German is necessary as it is expected that he work closely with the local church. πSince a large number of converted Iranians (Ex-Moslems) need discipling, visiting and spiritual counselling a knowledge of Farsi would be useful.*