



Ministry **PROPOSAL**

- Proposal Title: Equipping Iranian Believers for Evangelism and Church Planting Through Hope Bible Institute, Iberoamerican Ministries & InterGlo Ministries in Sulaymaniyah, Northern Iraq
- Total Estimated Budget: **\$108,409.00**





1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proposal seeks ongoing partnership and financial support for a strategic ministry initiative focused on equipping 15 Iranian believers and emerging leaders through quarterly theological and practical training in Sulaymaniyah, Northern Iraq. The training will be led by Dr. William (Bill) Edmondson (InterGlo Ministries) in collaboration with Hope Bible Institute and Iberoamerican Ministries.

The program emphasizes evangelism, discipleship, and church planting, critical components for sustainable Kingdom growth and the building of the body of Christ in Iran and the wider Middle East. Participants will receive both in-class instruction and hands-on field experience, ensuring that learning is immediately applicable in their ministry contexts.

Funding is requested to support Dr. Bill Edmondson's quarterly travel and logistics, as well as full sponsorship for the 15 Iranian participants, covering transportation, accommodation, meals, translation services, and training materials.

This initiative represents a strategic investment in indigenous leadership development, laying a strong foundation for long-term Gospel impact in one of the most spiritually sensitive regions in the world.



2. MINISTRY BACKGROUND

Hope Bible Institute (HBI) is the first government-recognized and officially approved Bible and theological training institute in Sulaymaniyah and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Established to equip local and regional believers with sound biblical education, HBI serves as a hub for leadership development, discipleship, and ministry training.

Iberoamerican Ministries is the church plant movement that planted the Hiwa Church, Started the first Christian Library, Translation Ministry and launched HBI to expand theological education and leadership training across the Middle East and beyond, with a vision to see thriving, self-sustaining churches led by well-equipped indigenous leaders.

InterGlo Ministries is a USA based organization whose aim is to join the Savior in building His global Church.

Sulaymaniyah serves as a strategic and accessible hub for ministry outreach into neighboring countries, including Iran. Through years of faithful engagement, the local ministry team has built trusted relationships with Iranian believers, creating a unique opportunity for impactful cross-border discipleship and leadership development.

3. CONTEXT & PROBLEM STATEMENT

Iran remains one of the most spiritually restricted environments in the world, where access to formal theological training and ministry resources is extremely limited. Many believers and emerging leaders operate without adequate biblical grounding, leadership training, or access to contextualized ministry resources.

Despite these challenges, there is a growing hunger for the Gospel and a rising number of house churches. However, the lack of trained leaders presents a significant barrier to sustainable growth, doctrinal soundness, and effective church multiplication.

Additionally:

- There is a shortage of trained teachers who understand the cultural and spiritual context of Iranian believers.
- Few resources are available in local languages for long-term discipleship.
- Opportunities for practical, field-based ministry training are limited.

Without intentional investment in leadership development, the growth of the Church in Iran risks becoming shallow, fragmented, or unsustainable.

4. MINISTRY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal:

To equip Iranian believers and leaders with biblical knowledge, practical ministry skills, and resources necessary for effective evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

Objectives:

- Provide quarterly, high-quality theological and practical training led by an experienced instructor.
- Equip 15 Iranian participants with tools for evangelism and church planting.
- Facilitate hands-on field experience to reinforce classroom learning.
- Translate and distribute course materials into local languages for ongoing use.
- Strengthen cross-border ministry relationships and networks.
- Develop a reproducible training model for expansion into other regions.

5. MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

1. Quarterly Training Sessions

- 5-day intensive teaching modules in Sulaymaniyah
- Focus areas: evangelism, discipleship, church planting, leadership development

2. Field-Based Ministry Experience

- Practical outreach and ministry engagement under supervision
- Real-life application of classroom teachings

3. Translation and Resource Development

- Translation of course materials and textbooks into local languages
- Printing and distribution of training resources

4. Interpretation Services

- Professional translation during teaching sessions (English to local language)

5. Participant Support

- Travel arrangements from Iran to Sulaymaniyah
- Accommodation and meals during training periods

6. Instructor Engagement

- Quarterly travel and accommodation for Dr. Bill Edmondson
- Hybrid follow-up sessions between physical trainings

6. TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Primary Beneficiaries:

- 15 Iranian believers and emerging leaders committed to ministry in their communities.

Secondary Beneficiaries:

- House churches and communities influenced by trained leaders
- Broader Iranian Church through multiplication efforts
- Local ministry networks across the Middle East

10. BUDGET OVERVIEW (ESTIMATED ANNUAL)

A. Instructor Costs (Quarterly)

Item	Estimated Cost (USD)
International Travel (4 trips)	\$44,000.00 (four round trips)
Local Transportation:	\$1,000 (four two week visits)
Accommodation & Meals	\$7,000.00 (four two week visits)
Sub Total	\$52,000

B. Participant Sponsorship (15 Individuals)

Item	Estimated Cost (USD)
Travel (Iran to Sulaymaniyah)	\$25,200
Accommodation	\$5,760
Meals	\$7,700
Local Transportation & Logistics	\$685
Sub Total	\$39,345

C. Training & Operations

Item	Estimated Cost (USD)
Translation/Interpreter Fees	\$764
Course Material Translation & Printing	\$16,000.00 (Books and Notes)
Venue & Administrative Costs	\$300
Total Estimated Budget	\$17,064

Total Estimated Annual Budget: \$108,409

11. FUNDING REQUEST

We are seeking:

- Ongoing financial support for quarterly training operations
- Full or partial sponsorship of participants (\$2,623 per participant annually)
- Partnership support for translation and resource development
- Travel sponsorship for the instructor

12. CONCLUSION

This initiative is more than a training program—it is a strategic investment in the future of the Church in Iran and the broader Middle East. By equipping dedicated believers with sound teaching, practical experience, and accessible resources, we are laying a foundation for sustainable Kingdom impact in a region where such opportunities are rare and deeply needed.

We invite you to partner with us in this transformative mission—raising leaders, strengthening the Church, and advancing the Gospel across borders.

13. BILL'S MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Education

- BA, MA, M.Div. Theology and Bible at Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary (FBBC&TS).
- D-Min. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (**Thesis:** Global-Church Planting within the Mobile Academic and Immigrant Communities of the Boston Metropolitan Area)

Teaching

- Local Church Ministries FBBC&TS, three years.
- Hope Bible Institute Sulaymaniyah Iraq (Online and in Person)

Pastoral Experience (23 years)

Church Planting (Two churches in the global community of Boston.)

International Travel and Cross Cultural Experience

- China twice for two months
- Bosnia/Croatia twice for cultural studies
- Kurdistan twice and continual online teaching
- 20+ years of ministry to the global community of Boston

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