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# UNION CHURCH MISSIONS



## Meeting Our Ministry Partner - SAT-7

**Did you know** that the **Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region** spans roughly **25 countries** and is home to nearly **600 million** people? It is a diverse landscape where over **93%** of the population identifies as **Muslim**, while the **Christian** community—the descendants of the early church—now accounts for only about **4%**. In a part of the world where faith is often a private and protected journey, have you ever wondered how the message of hope actually reaches those living in restricted or isolated corners?

On **Sunday, January 11**, about 15 Union Church members gathered for a special ministry partner lunch to hear from **Rita El-Mounayer, the CEO of SAT-7**. Rita has served this ministry with incredible faithfulness for 30 years, witnessing firsthand the miraculous ways God is moving across the region. Her inspirational sharing highlighted how the ministry has grown over the years to become a powerful media network that supports and empowers the local church by sharing the Gospel 24/7 in Arabic, Turkish, and Persian.

SAT-7 uses satellite television and digital platforms to bring a wide range of life-changing content into millions of homes. Their programming includes Christian dramas, movies, inspirational teaching, and church services to encourage believers. They also host a dedicated kids' channel. Because satellite TV is accessible to over 80% of households in the region, it remains the most effective way to reach the people and to present a positive Christian vision for society.

We are so grateful to partner with SAT-7 as they work toward the vision of being a light shining across the MENA region. Looking ahead, Rita has invited Union Church to visit SAT-7 studios in Turkey and Egypt to experience the impact of this ministry firsthand. Please pray that the Lord would open doors for even closer collaboration in the coming years.



## A Season of Warmth and Witness: January Outreach Update

Despite the biting cold outside on January 21, the warmth of community was felt as we served the elderly and homeless in the Tsim Sha Tsui neighborhood with Chung King Ministries. We had a time of worship and a Bible sharing time focused on the first chapter of Genesis. To lean into the winter theme, we also hosted interactive games centered on global weather patterns, bringing a sense of joy and connection to everyone.

In the evening, the mission continued as a different team of volunteers headed to the Wanchai bar district, reaching out to women working in the bars, offering a presence of grace and a reminder that they are seen and valued.

January 24 marked our first outreach to St. Barnabas in 2026. It was a joy to reconnect with the children through our reading program, followed by the simple, heartfelt gift of home-baked cookies shared among friends. During our visit to St. Barnabas, we were moved to see that the floorboards on the ground floor have been completely replaced with safe, non-slip material, improving the safety for the elderly that use the space every day. This vital renovation was funded by Union Church at the end of 2025 and seeing it finished serves as a beautiful reminder of the tangible, lasting impact we are privileged to have across this city. Praise the Lord for all the outreach opportunities!

