



Book Review:

Iran – Open Hearts in a Closed Land

by Mark Bradley

If you are interested in learning about the Muslim world, this little book is a good place to begin. Iran is a country ruled by a government fiercely opposed to Christianity and apparently completely closed to the gospel. The law demands death for any Muslim who changes their religion.

Why then are the Iranian people so open to Christianity?

The author explains the political history of Iran which has influenced the people and brought them to the place they are at today. He identifies three factors he believes have caused a questioning in the hearts of the people.

- 1 Disillusionment with the Islamic Government. (The totalitarianism, war and economic chaos)
- 2 Non Islamic Identity (Iran does not have the long Muslim history of other countries e.g. Saudi Arabia and Pakistan)
- 3 The Witness of the Christian Churches

Mark Bradley explains why these three things have brought the Iranian people to want to know about Jesus. The underground church is growing in spite of the risks involved.

The hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ has an irresistible appeal to a large number of the people who live in this troubled land.

This book can be borrowed from the Surfside library.

Reviewed by Shirley Peart