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Dear

It is good to hear from you. I am fine and yes I have started my P&M and I think it is already working as I feel much better spiritually. I wish I could attend this conference. As for the history of NA in Iran:

Exactly 20 years ago a member called Mohsen T. who had 1 year clean and had become clean in USA tried to carry the message into a government owned re-hab center, and after few times he tried to start a meeting in that re-hab center but the officials told him that he should act under the name of the re-hab center and he should accept NA to be affiliated with the center. So as he says himself!! he decided to stop carrying the message.

Then 4 years later, him and 3 other members who have just came back from USA and were all clean meet each other in a party in Tehran by chance. The name of the 3 other members was Forohar, Ali and Amir hossein. So in that party they decide to meet again and start a NA meeting in Tehran. After few weeks the first meeting starts and it takes few months for a newcomer to come in and stay who is still clean.

In the next 3 to 4 years we only had 1 or 2 meetings with about 45 members, but NA started to grow right after the 2nd generation accumulated about one year clean time, I became the LTC chair and started translating the literature and was in constant contact with NAWS asking them about everything we did not know. Some other members started going to different cities in Iran carrying the message, and some started the PI in order to convince the government to cooperate with NA. And that is when NA started to grow and in couple of years we formed a Region. Today we have 3684 Groups, 17223 Meeting weekly, and about 300000 to 350000 members. Our region covers 14 Areas with few more requests from new Areas to be seated.

Along the way we had our own problems with the NGO which was founded by one of the early members from USA taking advantage from the growth of NA for taking money from the government justifying that he is the founder of NA in Iran and that he knows better, but this problem was solved with establishing a good PR with the officials.

Any way today we have Persian speaking meetings in L.A. , Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Greece, Cyprus, One is going to start soon in Australia, Bahrain, Afghanistan, and may be one soon in Kurdish section of Iraq.

The meetings (there 2 meetings now) in Afghanistan was started by the Afghan refugees in Iran who had some years clean in Iran and were encouraged to go

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back to Afghanistan and start NA by the Iranian members and they were supported by Iran region and NAWIS office in Tehran.

I hope the above give you enough information. If you can send me a CD of this conference as well as the convention in Hawaii and if it is not possible to send it by internet then bring them for me to Bahrain or Thailand.

Hugs

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