

Farshid Fathi (m)

Adoption Status: Adopted by Representative Jeff Duncan (R-SC)

Country: Iran

Occupation: Christian pastor who ran a network of house churches in Iran.

Detained Since: December 26, 2010

Charges: “Actions against national security” and possessing religious propaganda.

Sentence: 6-years prison sentence in Iran’s notorious Evin prison.

Additional: Farshid left Iran to attend seminary in Turkey and then pursued additional training in London with his wife before returning to Iran. Farshid reportedly is imprisoned alongside Saeed Abedini. Though his crime is being a Christian and spreading his faith, Iranian authorities have cast his Christian activity as “political offenses,” arguing that his Christian activities were equivalent to “actions against national security.” He also was charged with possessing religious propaganda. At trial, the regime offered as evidence that Pastor Fathi had Bibles printed in Farsi, unlawfully distributed them, and possessed Christian literature. The regime also made it difficult for his lawyers to present a defense by denying them full access to the case until just a few days before trial.



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