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Subject : [External] Strategy session Meeting notes from 2/21

Dear Friends,

I apologize for the delay in getting strategy session notes below out to the group. An audit and budget revision got in my way ☺. I know a few things have changed since last Thursday and therefore some working group strategies have changed. We welcome working group updates to the entire team.

A quick update from the Capital group- we are working on a letter from Justice Jones encouraging Legislators not to attend Haiden's event on 2/27. We plan to deliver letters to Legislators mailboxes on Monday.

I also want to thank the group and WSC for being part of the crisis response team. Even though we are all still holding our breath, it feels good to have a plan!

Last, shout out to Kara for taking the notes below.

Warm Regards,

Tara

Strategy Session

In attendance: Bryan (Coalition), Lana (City), Zeze (CSI), Kate Nelson (EO), Slobodanka (ANA), Julianne (IRC), Tara (IOR), Kara (IOR), Megan (IRC), Jessica (BPD), Nick and Laura Armstrong (Glocal)

Brainstorm List:

- Try to take up airwave space with a positive thing that doesn't make a direct line/connection to Hadian
- Twin Falls strategy (what Zeze and team did) – organizing another meeting, pro-refugee, welcoming, not naming him, give people the choice
- **Media – Lana, Megan, Bryan, Kara**
 - Educate media on hate groups
 - Come up with fact sheet, talk to friendly reporters for advice
 - Invite media to interview refugees and community members
 - Op-ed piece, pro-diversity and Islam
 - Media

- Pitch pro-refugee stories same day
- Focus on faith vs refugee status?
 - What is our messaging and media strategy?
- We spit up media networks, everyone owns one or two pitches
- Who will coordinate: Lana
- Danger: Connecting dots between Hadian and refugees where it wasn't drawn before
 - Maybe it shouldn't come from refugee agencies
 - Coalition event?
- Stronger Shines the Light Inside
- Mayor of Boise make public message about city being welcoming for all
 - City of Meridian making a proclamation? Joint statement with Boise?
 - February anniversary of Welcoming City Proclamation
 - Twin Falls renew theirs also?
- Marwan – Champion award
- Radio – Megan and Refugee Speakers Bureau

Veterans - Slobodanka

- Organize veterans for diversity (Megan – Veterans for American Ideals, provide information about why Hadian is against our American Ideals, call and tell them he shouldn't be speaking in this area)

Church – Armstrongs, Bryan

- Infiltrate with World Relief or others
- Ask church not to host? Armstrongs
- Forum between Islamic Center of Boise leaders and Boise Church
- Proclamation of faith leaders from TV expressing welcome of Muslims
- Cole Community Church “love your Muslim neighbor” event
- Bryan will bring flyers by Cathedral

Capitol – Tara, Megan, Kara, Julianne, Idaho Voice for Children?

- Dear Colleague from Justice Jones to legislators asking them not to attend
- Signs we love our Muslim neighbors
- Team of friendly legislators to use our messaging with colleagues
- Tara and Megan – decide who to ask
- Diana – someone reach out
- Legislative Breakdown – ask them not to highlight Hadian's event for reasons A,, B, C, offer replacement material if desired
- Event Info...

Other:

- Branding – Boise is welcoming
- Social Media
 - FB campaign
- Lana will talk to Mayor about photo campaign(IRC idea)
- Vigil at City Hall (needs to be highly attended)
- Community Dinner
- Event
 - Strategy counter-event
 - Event on same day
- Rescue Text organized? Megan

Schedule of Hadian.

Please join us for this timely presentation on Tuesday, February 26th to hear a powerful testimony from a former Muslim, (now Christian) who was imprisoned, persecuted and tortured by the Islamic Taliban in Afghanistan. In the midst of his captivity and torture at the hands of the Taliban, he miraculously accepted Christ.

You will also hear from another former Muslim from Iran about what the Holy Spirit is doing around the world to reach Muslims for Christ. Lastly, Shahram Hadian will be sharing the latest update on the ongoing Christian persecution and genocide that is happening around the world and here in the U.S.

You don't want to miss this opportunity!
TORTURED for the CAUSE of CHRIST:
War on Christians & Vanishing Religious Freedoms

Tuesday, February 26th - 7:00pm
Meridian Veterans Memorial Hall - Upstairs Meeting Room

SHAHRAM HADIAN is a former Muslim who fled Iran weeks before the Iranian revolution of 1979. He legally migrated to the U.S. to escape the oppressive incoming Islamic regime, became a Christian in 1999 and now travels around the nation speaking. He has seen brutal Islamic oppression first hand and he is committed to fighting for our nation and our freedoms. Shahram's background includes experience as a pastor, police officer, teacher, coach, and candidate for WA State governor.

MARK LORI-AMINI grew up as a devout Muslim in Iran who was being trained to become an Imam in his local mosque. While in Mecca on his once in a lifetime pilgrimage, he had an unbelievable eye-opening experience that caused him to abandon Islam. After leaving Islam, he was disowned by his family, and had a tragic car accident in Iran that left him paralyzed on one side of his body. In 1993, he became a Christian and God miraculously healed him. Pastor Mark began a worldwide ministry reaching Farsi speaking Muslims with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His broadcast of the Gospel reaches over 40 million Muslims weekly.

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Wednesday, February 27th - 4:00-5:00pm
Idaho State Capitol, Room EW42 - Refreshments served

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Thursday, February 28th - 6:30pm
Boise Church of Christ

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