

"Equipping our generation to use media, story and innovation to make disciples and advance religious freedom in least-reached nations."

A Knock at the Door On Tuesday, September 17 at 12:55 PM I heard a knock at the front door. "Aha! This is my first chance to use my new Ring doorbell app so I don't have to run all the way downstairs." I opened the Ring app, pressed the mic button, and said, "Hello, may I help you?" "This is Special Agent Jackson (not the real name) and my partner. We're with the FBI and we'd like to talk with Shirin Taber."



Getting "the badge" at the front door.

I hustled downstairs and opened the front door to see both men holding their bi-fold badges at shoulder height. Just like in the movies. I looked at them, then the badges (trying to see if they looked legit), then back at the men. "Is this the real deal?" I asked. "Yes sir, this is the real deal. Is Shirin Taber available?"

I invited them into the foyer and called upstairs for Shirin. She popped her head out from behind our closed bedroom doors. "What's up? I'm about to go into a very important meeting with one of our major funding partners." "These guys are with the FBI and need to talk to you." "I'm sorry, but I can't miss this meeting. I'll try to be down in 15 minutes."

When she spoke with them, they explained that **a foreign agent posing as "Violet," a women's rights advocate, had initiated a conversation with Shirin on LinkedIn. "Violet" asked questions about Shirin's upcoming events and projects.** The agents reviewed Shirin's social media and email accounts. They encouraged her to keep doing her important women's rights work, but to be very careful in her interactions. Point taken! Especially considering her upcoming event in the Middle East. Shirin said she is moving into riskier territory with her advocacy work and will double down on security.

Lord, protect Shirin and the women in her network who stand up for religious freedom and women's rights.



"Biblical Languages Bootcamp: Greek" Class

Mission Media U is re-launched after a 1 ½ year hiatus. On September 18, I taught Session 1 of the "Biblical Languages Bootcamp: Greek" course. ***I'm thrilled to share the breakthrough methods that gave me a rapid understanding of the biblical languages, Greek & Hebrew!*** Our "Foundations of Digital Engagement" course begins September 26.

Another lap around the sun! On September 17 I turned 62. To celebrate a completed year of life is most extraordinary. Thank you, Jesus, for your extravagant love. The kids sent me the new beach chair I'm trying out in the photo. The beach chair was sitting in the middle of the living room when the FBI came-a-calling. I explained why it was there.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership! We appreciate you!

Clyde! Shirin



Testing the birthday beach chair.