

May - June 2023



THE HAYNES
MISSIONARIES TO IRAQI KURDISTAN

*If Hell must be filled,
let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions,
and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for.*

C. H. Spurgeon

Dear Pastor,

Kurdistan, Iraq
Light of Life Baptist Church

•Visitors from the States

My parents, missionaries to the great Navajo Nation Mark and Tricia Haynes, came and visited us here in Iraq! My brother, missionary Joel Haynes, spearheaded the fundraiser to get them over here. We are so thankful for the generosity of individuals as well as churches in this endeavor.

What an amazing trip it was! They saw the Tomb of Nahum, ancient reliefs of Sennacherib (2 Kings 18:13) and other amazing places in this Cradle of Civilization. Their greatest contribution was in that of ministry. They ministered both to our wonderful people as well as to Apryl and I. My father preached twice in our church and I marveled at the goodness of the Lord. Hearing my father preach has always been a privilege, but hearing him preach to our people is one of the greatest blessings of my life. My mother jumped right in and visited with everyone (English speaking or not) and made a great impression on some of the young ladies.

During their final church service, one of our young men preached his first sermon! He labored on this sermon for weeks and was borderline ill with nervousness. I cannot describe the joy of hearing him preach while sitting next to my parents in Iraq.

•Visitors in the church

We have had **SIX** visitors in our services during the past two months. Visitors in Iraq don't just see a church sign and decide to give it a try. They are the result of the working of the Holy Spirit through the faithful labor of the people in the church. Our folks continue to be bold in reaching out with the Gospel and compelling their neighbors, friends and relatives to attend. Two of those visitors have become faithful attendees! Please pray that the remaining four will become faithful. Some are in need of salvation.

As always, we ask for your prayers that God would make us effective in the ministry of the Gospel.

Matt & Apryl Haynes

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SENDING CHURCH

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PRAY WITH US

•For Light of Life Baptist Church



Needs

Generator

Iraqi summers are extremely hot and especially so in a church without windows (a security necessity). We need to raise about \$4,000 to keep the fans running. The rest needed has been generously given by Bro. Irfan and Light of Life Ministries.



Preaching his first sermon!

This young man has not missed a service since he started attending. It is our prayer to see him called to pastor.