



**THE HAYNES**  
MISSIONARIES TO IRAQI KURDISTAN

**"Go ye into all the world" ...and if any of us through cowardice or fear or neglect omits the Mohammedan world from the universal problem of evangelization we are not doing the will of God.**

Samuel Zwemer, *The Present Crisis* 1915

Dear Pastor,

**Kurdistan, Iraq**

*Light of Life Baptist Church*

At the end of our previous letter the statement was made that we, "cannot wait to see how God will show up in 2023." Here are just two of the ways he has:

• **A first baptism**

A young Yezidi man, who came to faith and was discipled by one of the men in the church, was baptized! He made the following statements just before his baptism...

*"I want my baptism to be a testimony to others who need to be baptized."*

*"Baptism does not make me a believer because that already happened by faith."*

*"Baptism does not make me a believer but it does make me an obedient one and I want that."*

This young man, God willing, will preach his first sermon in May.

• **A new Bible study**

A new Bible study has begun in a neighboring town! We covet your prayers for this Bible study as two husbands have forbidden their wives from attending. These women are not from a Muslim background, but from what we call a "Traditional Christian" background. This means that they are born with the idea that, because they were born into an ethnically 'Christian' home, they are automatically Christians. Both of these women are believers and the Traditional Christian community is extremely hostile to anyone teaching that the Second Birth (John 3) is necessary for salvation.

There is much work to be done and ground to be laid, but our prayer is to see this study grow into a local church.

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

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**SENDING CHURCH**

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**PRAY WITH US:**

For souls to be saved



Apryl has long had a burden to reach out to the Yezidi community, especially the women and children, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yezidi People:

- Ethnically Kurdish but not Muslim
- Targeted for extermination by ISIS
- A socially closed society
- In need of the Gospel

For effective Bible studies



This is one of our Bible study groups. Both believers and non-believers attend this study. Most of the men in this photo are Yezidi. We praise God for the continued work of Bro. Irfan Abdullatif and Light of Life Baptist Ministries in Yezidi areas. Without their official cover and support we would not have access to these dear people.