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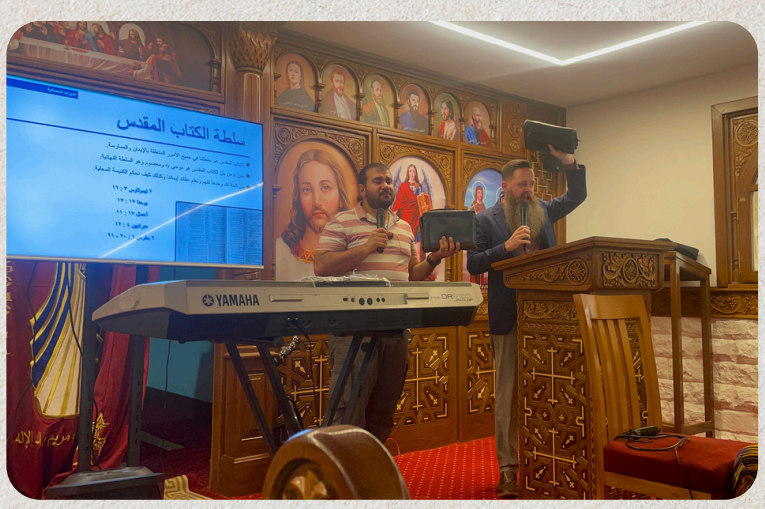

Preaching the doctrine of the Authority of Scripture in an Orthodox Chapel

Ministry Continues: *Egypt*

This year God gave us the opportunity to return to Cairo and preach a conference on Baptist Distinctives. It was a wild conference with 4 sister Baptist churches in attendance. Each preaching session lasted 2 hours (minimum) with a question and answer time (which is where all the fun ensued). It was a wonderful time and we thank God for this opportunity!

It was a blessing to **watch pastors baptize their own people under the authority of their own church!** It has been a practice in many Middle Eastern countries to have guest preachers baptize people at conferences. We, as well as the Light of Life Organization, have worked diligently to teach the authority of the local church and point the people to what the Scriptures teach regarding their responsibility to baptize and accept members. It was a privelege to watch that teaching come to fruition in person.

Ministry Continues: *Iraq*

We are not allowed to personally hand out Bibles in Kurdistan without meeting some situationally...specific criteria. As a result of this restriction, our church has gotten creative about how we pass out the Word of God. The Light of Life Organization partnered with us and this enabled us to set up a bookstand at a weekly local swapmeet.

While we are not allowed to *GIVE* away Bibles there are no restrictions (thus far) on SELLING Bibles. We have begun to purchase Bibles locally and then re-sell them for just a pittance in order to get as many as possible into the hands of unbelievers. **I am thrilled to report** that, as of August, in 2026 we have sold **over 40 Bibles to unbeliving Muslims!** That means that more than 40 unbelievers walked into this little book shack and spent their own money - ***on purpose!*** - to have a copy of the New Testament in their language!

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



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Blessed to preach with my father (missionary) and youngest brother (pastor)

Ministry Continues: *USA*

As you know, Apryl and I rarely return to the USA. It is simply the way ministry in Iraq has worked out and we have followed the Lord's leading in this. In October, we were blessed to be able to return to the USA for a very short time. We were able to see both sides of our families (though not everyone) and a special blessing was the opportunity to see 20 year veteran missionaries to China Nic and Michaela Dunn (my sister). Michaela and I had not seen one another in person for almost 13 years. We had a wonderful reunion and we were able to attend two missions conferences together as a family with my mother and father (30 year veteran missionaries to the Navajo nation Mark and Tricia Haynes).

This was such a special and unique time that the Lord allowed so much of my family to be together from all over the world. It is unlikely we will expereince this gathering again on this earth. We praise God for this precous gift.

Ministry Continues: *Iraq*

On our minds were the usual questions - who will preach while we are gone? Will the offering be taken?...

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...Will it get counted? What about gas for the generator? What about organizing the taxis? There were also the questions you ask when living in Iraq. Will the airports close and prevent us from returning to our church in Iraq? What if something happens to one of our folks? What if more bomb laden drones hit the city?

The Lord taught us some good lessons while we were gone - every Sunday the Gospel was preached by men in the church - the offering was taken each Sunday (well, they did forget one Sunday) - bills were paid - hospital visits were made. God showed us that the Light of Life Baptist Church is full of servants and hardworking believers who stepped up and stepped in.

Continue to pray:

1. That God would reveal a local man to pastor the church.
2. Effectiveness in preaching Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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