



THE HAYNES

MISSIONARIES TO IRAQI KURDISTAN

"The light that comes pierced the darkness and all must know that light is Jesus Christ." (translation)

Young Yezidi man re: John 1:1-5

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Dear Pastor,

Cairo, Egypt *Evangelistic Conference*

The local pastor of Light of Life Baptist Church in Cairo cast a vision for a conference where the presence of unbelievers and focused Gospel preaching would coalesce. It was a wild, stressful and blessed conference. If you have been long in the ministry you have experienced a conference that was both a blessing and added to the gray in your hair (beard in my case).

God moved in the hearts of those present and several professions of salvation were made. The members of the local Egyptian church were intricately involved and desired to serve at every level needed. It was incredible to see the desire for souls manifest itself in the actions of the teens and young adult members of the church.

The local pastor had been praying for and laboring in witness to one particular young man. He accepted Christ just before the conference and we were privileged to see him baptized and added to the membership of the church during the conference.

Only in my wildest dreams could I have pictured preaching at an evangelistic conference in Egypt! Truly, as a family member of mine is wont to say, we are living our best lives!

Church Members' Conference

This same pastor, along with Bro. Irfan Abdullatif (Light of Life, Intl) cast yet another vision for a conference that would be neither Egyptian nor Sudanese but where BOTH Baptist congregations worshipped and learned together. Bro. Irfan Abdullatif has expanded the original vision of his father and made cross-cultural mission work a reality and not just a dream.

It takes only a cursory glance at world events to see bigotry flourishing in many areas of every society. This conference shone a light and exposed the lie that cultural Christianity is necessary for stability in a local church. One dear Sudanese brother gave testimony on the final day of the conference and said, "I have been to 3-4 mixed conferences with Egyptians. As a Sudanese I always felt less and separated from the Egyptians and not as an equal believer. In this conference, all we Sudanese feel as if we are not Sudanese and they are not Egyptians but only we are all believers."

Please continue to pray for the Light of Life Baptist churches in Egypt that they may successfully partner together for the furtherance of the Gospel.

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

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