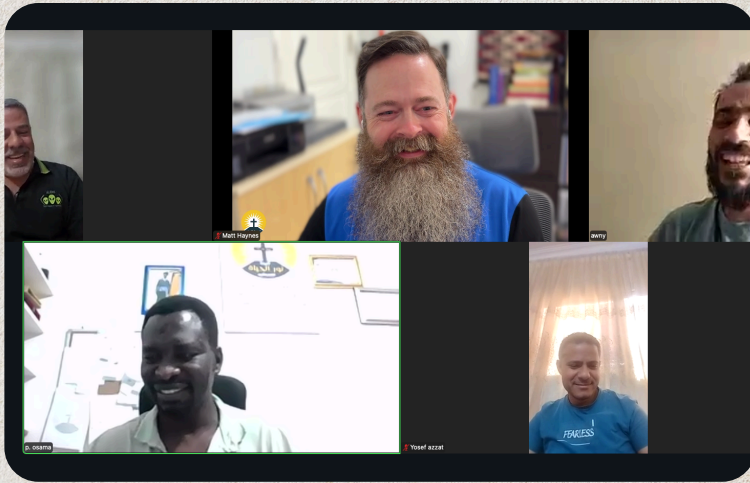




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Independent Baptist Pastors in Egypt

you read? The old one in English?" Praise God for children who want to be part of the service by reading the Word of God.

Ministry Continues:
Egypt

I continue to lead a weekly Zoom meeting with a group of Independent Baptist pastors in Cairo for the purpose of pastoral discipleship. These are men who love the Lord and love their churches, and it is a privilege to study and pray alongside them week after week.

We are also planning to be in Cairo this August for a conference on the Basics of the Christian Faith and Doctrine. We look forward to spending time with these pastors in person and to the opportunity to spend time with their churches as well. Please pray for the planning and preparation of this conference and for the four churches that will attend.

Ministry Continues:

Iraq

Our new church member visitation program continues to go well. Church members accompany Apryl and me as well as another couple in our church on visits, and our purpose in bringing them along is not merely to make calls together but to train them in how to visit – how to speak with those who are not yet attending, and how to think about growing the church through personal outreach. It is discipleship in the most practical sense and we are grateful for the willingness of our people to learn.

We also have a young man in our church who continues to meet weekly with a group of believers and unbelievers in a private setting. He is growing in the faith himself while at the same time seeking to lead others to the Lord. We do not share many details out of care for those involved, but we ask that you pray for this brother and for the hearts of those he is meeting with. The Lord knows each of them by name.

One of the practices we have established at Light of Life Baptist Church (LLBC) is having our church members read aloud Scripture references during the sermon. Our desire is to help our people grow in their familiarity with the Bible and to create a real, tactile connection between each person and their own copy of God's Word. Recently, one of the children in our congregation asked, "Can I read the one

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



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Ladies of Light of Life Baptist Church Series - Sister Ilham

Our church is a baby church in every sense. By that I mean it is just a few years old but also that the members have no previous context for church life and service. In the States, even many who have spent most of their lives unchurched know what church “looks like”. Some of our people are Muslim background, some Yezidi background, and some saved out of what is essentially a branch of Catholicism. Everything about church life is new!

So when my husband asked Ilham to teach the new Sunday school class, her eyes got wide as saucers and she didn’t speak for several seconds. He told her that she didn’t have to answer now but he would like her to pray about it. Both he and I shared with her the specific impact Sunday school teachers made on our lives as children - that they weren’t trained teachers or “ministry people” but that their investment in us significantly impacted our lives. After the initial shock, she responded by saying, “Yes, of course I will teach the children but you know I don’t know how to do this.”

That’s it. Everything else went from there. That’s what a willing servant looks like. Sometimes terrified. Sometimes unequipped. But willing. We are blessed to have people who are ready to serve, even when everything is new.



Apryl Haynes

