



## THE HAYNES

MISSIONARIES TO IRAQI KURDISTAN



Light of Life Baptist Church - Iraq

### Strengthening Faith and Spreading Hope

This has been the **theme of our church for 2025**. While we have been active in doing so here in Iraq, God has allowed us to participate in ministry in Cairo, Egypt as well.

In 2018, Bro. Irfan Abdullatif (Light of Life Baptist Ministries) invited us to go to Egypt and minister for a few weeks in a local church. **Cairo is a wild place!** And that is coming from people who live in Iraq.

Through Bro. Irfan's help and generosity, we have been traveling to Cairo once or twice a year since 2018. The ministries have grown and expanded, and it has been a blessing to be a small part of seeing the Gospel go forth in multiple countries.

When Apryl and I are in Egypt, we usually participate in a local church conference. These have been conferences on **Baptist Distinctives, Christian Growth, and Bible Doctrine** with an emphasis on salvation. What blessing it has been to participate in these ministries through the years.

Our role in Egypt has shifted in the last few years and we have taken on more of a pastoral discipleship ministry. I have been meeting weekly with a Sudanese pastor whose work was begun through Light of Life Baptist Ministries and Bro. Irfan Abdullatif. While he comes from a Muslim background the similarities with Iraqi ministry are few and it has been a learning and growing experience for both of us. Apryl and I have fallen in love with this pastor and his family and believe that God has great things on the horizon for Light of Life Sudanese Baptist Church.

### A Decade of Faith: *The Next Step Forward*

This year marks 10 years since Apryl and I arrived in North Iraq. As we reflect on everything God has done—especially through **the birth of Light of Life Baptist Church**, the **salvation and baptism of Kurdish and Yezidi souls**, and the strengthening of believers—we are more excited about the future than we have ever been.

We recently released a short video that captures our heart, our history, and the step of faith we are taking right now.

We are asking you—who have walked with us faithfully over these past 10 years—to take one more step of faith with us. Our goal is to raise \$70,000. This is a strategic move that will help us plant deeper roots in this community, free us from the cycle of rising rent, allow us to stay close to the church, and—just as importantly—send a clear message to our local community: **“We’re here to stay.”**

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your faithful prayers, your sacrificial giving, and your unwavering belief in what God is doing here. **We truly can’t wait to see what God will do in the next 10 years!**

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



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