



## THE HAYNES

MISSIONARIES TO IRAQI KURDISTAN



The right way to eat Kebab!

### Conflict in Iran

There have been over 100 bombing attempts on the US military base as well as civilian targets in our capital city of Erbil. Be in prayer for the lives in Iran, Iraq, the Arab Gulf States as well as in Turkiye that have been and will be lost during this conflict. Unbelievers will perish in this conflict and we find this the greater tragedy.

Thank you to everyone who has emailed and called and texted checking on us. We are grateful to each of you. We are blessed to be part of a church where our pastor keeps an eye on our region for our sakes and calls and checks on us. This is a huge encouragement to us.

**We are not planning on leaving Iraq.** We are citizens of the USA, but our hearts and our lives are planted here. **The Lord is not finished with Iraq**, and the Holy Spirit is very present and working in the hearts of the believers and convicting those who, as yet, do not know him.

Pray that our church's presence here will be a testimony of faithfulness to the peace and goodness of the Lord that will draw eyes to the Scripture and hearts to salvation.

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



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### Family

In January, Apryl and I were able to visit her family in the USA. It has been some years since she has seen her family on anything other than Facetime and it was a blessing to be with them in person. While it was a very short visit it was full of time with family for which we thank and praise the Lord. Praise God that I was able to see some of my family as well. It was a blessing to spend time with the kids of my siblings and see how God is working in their lives. We feel so blessed in the families that God has given us.

### Ministry Continues:

#### Iraq

Two of the faithful men in our church have been studying and preparing to preach and were scheduled to do so while I was away. Just before we left, they said, "Pastor, can we please preach while you are still here? At least we will have one face that is friendly for us." Praise God that the service went smoothly and the church was blessed by the fact that their own men were preaching. Praise the Lord that there was no accidental heresy!

In February we were in Cairo for a conference with some of the local pastors and these same men ran the service and preached again! We do not know what God has in store for these men, but we are confident that God will use them in the ministry of the Gospel in some capacity. Pray for these men, Bro. A---- and Bro. K----. They have a sincere desire to evangelize the local Muslim and Yezidi communities.