



***God's promises are fulfilled in Heaven.
God's mercies are experienced on earth.***

A Baptist Preacher

Dear Pastor,

Kurdistan, Iraq
Light of Life Baptist Church

•Security Update

In our last letter, we stated that 38 rockets, missiles and suicide drones had been shot down in Syria and Iraq. Since then, the number has increased substantially. Just last night another drone was shot down which had targeted US forces in Erbil (the capital city in Iraqi Kurdistan). Thank you for your prayers and expressions of concern for us and our safety. In these times, I am reminded of the words of a missionary I heard speak in 2020. He said, "Yes, we need missionaries to go, but more than that – we need the ones we *have* to stay." By the grace of God that is what we intend to do.

•A new church member added!

Praise God a new member has been added to our church!

This dear brother wrestled with faith for almost one year before he believed. He comes from a Muslim background. What a day of rejoicing our church experienced when he surrendered his will to God's will!

When speaking of his approaching baptism, one of our dear members said, "We have been waiting and waiting for this wonderful day!" His baptismal service is not one I am likely to forget. I asked him if he wanted to be baptized with additional security and on a non-service day. He replied, "I am not ashamed to be a Christian and I am not afraid. If anyone will come let them come." There was shouting, praying, tears and great rejoicing as this brother was added to the membership of Light of Life Baptist Church. There could be no greater Christmas gift than the salvation of a soul and the addition of a new member in the local body.

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

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PRAY WITH US

•For Consistent Church Growth



Light of Life Baptist Church

•For the Salvation of Souls



Members and visitors at Christmas Eve service 2023