



THE HAYNES
MISSIONARIES TO IRAQI KURDISTAN



Pastor Gentleman (far right) and two dear Egyptian pastors

The Work Advancing: Egypt

After many months of pastoral discipleship sessions via Zoom, the Lord allowed us to travel to Egypt and meet with the two men that he brought into the Light of Life family. Pastor Gentleman (pictured above), has been working in a face-to-face capacity with these dear brothers and we are both very excited about what God is and will do through these men.

One of them believes that God has called them into church planting and one desires to be the pastor of a church planting local church!

We learned, recently, that both men have been implementing what they have been learning in class almost immediately in their local church contexts. This includes such things as baptism by immersion, proper church membership and the Lord's Supper. Most recent has been the idea of church discipline as a ministry of the church. That was a wild lesson! It is exciting to be part of church planting efforts in the Middle East.

The Word Advancing: Iraq

It is always a blessing to see church members catch a vision for evangelism. Sister U----- led her husband to Christ some months back and she has turned her attentions toward seeing her father come to Christ. Recently, he became ill and she immediately suggested that her pastor come and pray for him. You could sense the excitement and hope coming from this dear sister as we shared the Gospel with her father. He was not receptive but we are not discouraged. He was hostile but we are determined. We believe God is working to soften the heart of this Muslim man.

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 of which **OVER 50% has come in!!** 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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