



THE HAYNES

MISSIONARIES TO IRAQI KURDISTAN

Irfan Abdullatif



The Worker Called Home

On Nov. 2, 2025 the Lord called home my dear friend and partner in ministry, Irfan Abdullatif. The impact of the Abdullatif family on my life and our ministry cannot be overstated. It was Bro. Irfan's father, Monthir Abdullatif, who pointed me to Iraqi Kurdistan many years ago.

In 2018, during a particularly difficult time in ministry, Bro Irfan came alongside us and sent us to Egypt where we have continued to go every year (sometimes more than once a year) preaching on Baptist Distinctives and Christian living. It was Bro. Irfan who connected us with the family who would become charter members of our current work in Iraq.

Apryl and I were privileged to attend his funeral and celebrate the life and ministry of Bro Irfan Abdullatif. God used this dear brother to leave a mark for the Gospel in the Middle East that continues to bear fruit today.

The Work Endures

Prayer meetings continued, church services were conducted, Bible studies were held among former Muslims and Yezidi people. God calls his workers home, but the work endures. Bro. Irfan's time in the race is over, but the race continues because God is still faithful.

In November our church attended a conference in Erbil, Iraq on Baptist Distinctives. This conference was hosted by New Testamnt Baptist Church and overseen by Bro. Milad Khaleed and Bro. Edgar Feghaly. We took 9 people from our church! What an amazing time. God really worked in the hearts of our people in amazing ways!

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Two of our young ladies have become more faithful to church as a result of the conference. God broke open the heart of one of our men for whom I have been praying daily. The Lord knit our hearts together over the conference and this brother has since been faithful to every Bible study and is preparing to preach his first sermon in the church next year!

Bible studies among the Yezidi people, men starting to preach in the church and a passion for evangelism. Truly, God's work endures.

A Decade of Faith: *The Next Step Forward*

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

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.

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



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