



THE HAYNES

MISSIONARIES TO IRAQI KURDISTAN



The work continues

Every baptism is special but this one was more so for our church. The brother being baptized was invited to our church by the man who was murdered. How good God is! In the middle of loss, in the middle of grief and suffering God was very present and active. I told the brother being baptized, "Your baptism is not only wonderful because of obedience to God, but it is a memorial to the testimony of Bro. ____'s salvation. What we do right now is a result of his desire to see others know Jesus."

Even in the midst of suffering and hurt God has been so good to show us that he is here. There has been new visitors, faithful attendance and answered prayer. God has proved himself present and mighty during this time.

After the conclusion of our New Year's Eve service, one of the young ladies came and asked if I would speak with her visitor because "he needs to become a believer." It is exciting to see people catch fire for the souls of others. God is working through Light of Life Baptist church and we are so grateful to be part of what he is doing in North Iraq.

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



Update #2

Triumph

God has proven himself mighty through the grieving process. Precious Christians in the Middle East as well as in the US reached out with words of comfort. Apryl and I were ministered to by loving Christians within our families as well as from outside our families. Our pastor in the US was very present for us and we praise God for this.

Our church has taken the child that was left under its wings and showered him with love. The whole church now calls him "little Pastor" and people compete to hold him and spend time with him. The love of Christ is being shown to the remaining family and it is wonderful to behold. As a pastor it is a powerful thing to watch your people serve one another across cultural lines.

The murdered couple are survived not only by their son, but by a mother and sister who are both believers. We were concerned that the deceased brother's sister would allow bitterness and resentment to rule her life. Indeed, we saw evidence of this forming and earnestly sought the Lord's face. God has been so good! She continues to grieve, but has been faithful to church and responsive to the preaching and comfort offered by fellow believers. She and her mother told Apryl and I, "Our faith is not shaken. We know that God sees us."

Please continue to pray for this family. They are still grieving this loss and need the comfort that only comes from the prayer of fellow believers.

Please continue to pray for Apryl and I as we seek to minister to them in their grief.

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