

Haynes Family

Missionaries To Kurdistan



The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

— 2 Peter 3:9

Ministry Goals

- ♦ Plant churches that will be pastored by nationals.
- ♦ Disciple and train men for the ministry.
- ♦ Translate Scripture into the major languages of the Kurdish people.

Dear Pastor,

January-February

Two months have come and gone since we began full-time deputation and God has been so good! In I Kings 19 we find Elijah discouraged because he thought he was the only one serving God and the results were not to his own satisfaction. God answered in verse 18, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Ba-al..." Our own travels have shown us that God still has His pastors and His people serving Him all over the world. Our greatest encouragement has come from churches doing all they can do simply to serve God!



Bro Matt with Maggie Barnett

KURDISTAN

When we visited Iraqi Kurdistan, there were no American food chains. That has changed. Pizza Hut and Cinnabon (insert super excited reaction by Mrs. Apryl here). ACE Hardware also opened a store. While it is nice to see some familiar sights, this reminds us that the Westernization of Kurdistan is a reality. Materialism is always the end result. Pray with us that God would call many missionaries to Iraqi Kurdistan.

DEPUTATION

Every once in a while it seems as though God allows us to get a glimpse of what a child's faith can do. During a missions conference, a young girl named Maggie Barnett was burdened about the lack of tracts in the Kurdish languages. Her pastor gave an illustration about finding pennies in the parking lot and how we often overlook the opportunities we have to give to missions no matter the amount. As they were headed to supper after the service, she told her parents she needed to look for change in the parking lot and that she asked God to let her find \$1000. That Sunday morning, Maggie got a pickle jar, went to every person in the church she could find and told them she was raising money for tracts in Kurdish. Maggie raised over \$500 that day. Just one week later, God put it on the heart of Pastor Bernard Heinz in Colby, KS to give \$500 towards Kurdish tract translation and Maggie's prayer for \$1000 was answered. How good is our God! How true is I Kings 19:18!

In His Service,

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