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Dear Pastor,

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*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

Pictured to the right is something only God could have orchestrated! The tract you see in English was written by Monthir Abdullatif, Bro. Abdullatif was an Iraqi preacher who loved souls and had a desire to see Muslim people saved. His outreach was mainly to Arab Muslims, but he had a great longing to win Kurdish people to Christ. Bro. Monthir passed away, but his work is carried on by his son, Irfan Abdullatif (a wonderful missionary himself). The tract you see in Sorani Kurdish is the first of its kind (that we are aware of)!! Because of the labor and sacrifice of Christian friends, we have been able to print the first Independent Baptist Gospel tract in Sorani Kurdish! It is our desire to get these into the hands of Kurdish believers to encourage them to reach out to the lost in their country. We're so thankful to Colby Independent Baptist Church in Colby, KS and to Maggie Barnett for their financial contribution and we are thankful to Tiffany Thompson for all her hard work in making this happen. Praise the Lord for Christians who love people they have never seen!



Gospel tract in Sorani Kurdish

A Biblical Perspective on the Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL)

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.

"Well, brother, you know I just don't know if they (ISIS) can really be saved."

We've heard this phrase a handful of times in our deputation travels, yet with a look into the New Testament we see that a great parallel can be seen between these men (ISIS) and our favorite Bible missionary, Saul of Tarsus! Perhaps the greatest butcher of Christians in the early Church was gloriously saved on the road to Damascus! God had His eye on Paul all along! Our very own Apostle Paul used his religious ambition to persecute Christians, but later brought the Gospel to the Gentile world and authored fourteen books in the New Testament! According to Luke and Paul's own testimony (**Acts 9:1-2, 22:4, 26:9-12 Galatians 1:13**) he would have fit right in with modern day terrorists. He sought out, killed and imprisoned Christians, wasting the church. Isn't it a marvelous thing that we have a Savior who is not at all unsure who can be saved (**2 Peter 3:9**)? There will be no peace until Jesus comes back. We cannot change the sinful nature of man, but we can spread the Gospel! If we want to make a difference in Iraq and the Middle East it will not be through prayers for safety but for the salvation of souls. Our heart's desire is that when Christ calls us up in the Rapture the Devil will find his once former stronghold...empty. God is able!

In His Service,
Matt Haynes

