

# MATT & APRYL HAYNES

## MISSIONARIES TO KURDISTAN

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Dear Pastor,

December - January

*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

My wife and I arrived at the church happy to be there, but a little tired. The pastor showed us around and then led us to the prophet's chamber. After he left, we unloaded our suitcase and laid down for a nap. After a few minutes, I sat straight up and said, "Babe, you are not going to believe this!" To which my wife responded, "Believe what?" "I can't tell you yet. Have to make sure first, but I think it might be the place!" I said. I began sending out texts just to see if what I thought was true. My poor wife had to wait for about 20 minutes while her husband was running around the room hollering, "I just know this is the place. Has to be!" Sure enough, we were at the very same church! Almost 21 years ago I saw a presentation on people groups with very little exposure to or no known exposure to the Gospel. One of the peoples highlighted were the Kurdish people. God touched my heart that night as a 14-year-old boy and I knew they were the people He had created me for. God allowed me to return to the place where He started our journey to Kurdistan. Isn't God good?!! Doesn't He know just what we need and when we need it? What a great God we serve!



*Emmanuel Baptist Church of  
Jacksonville, TX where God called  
me to the Kurdish people.*

### 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.

### Kurdistan

Missionary Dan Rogers arrived in Kurdistan in late December. Please pray for him and his family as he prepares for the arrival of his wife and two daughters. We thank God that He has called this wonderful family and for the desire they have to plant churches and train national pastors in Kurdistan.

Please continue to pray that the Gospel would have free course in Kurdistan. The actions of ISIS (ISIL) have resulted in many refugees fleeing to Kurdistan. These people come from areas hostile to missionaries. What an opportunity to reach people with the Gospel!

### Deputation

We have stopped setting up meetings past October of this year in anticipation of leaving for Kurdistan this November. We have peace about this date and are excited about it! Please pray for us that we will be both spiritually and financially ready when that time arrives!

In His Service,  
Matt Haynes

