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MISSIONARIES TO KURDISTAN

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Dear Pastor,

March - April

*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.

"Just hit a couple of buttons and we could solve the problems over there."

These are the words I heard as I sat in a service just a few weeks ago. Honestly, both my wife and I struggled with anger for quite a while during the preaching. How could a preacher of the Gospel of Christ **want** people in Hell much less the responsibility for sending them there? It hurt to hear a preacher say these words about my people. I was ready to leave, but God had a lesson for us to learn that night. He pierced my heart as I sat there with this thought: "Is this about you? Was it you on the Cross? Did you die for those people?" Then He asked the question that truly humbled me, "You pray for the Kurdish people. What about the brethren? Are they no longer in need of prayer?"

I can wish that this brother felt differently or I can pray and ask God to change his heart. There is no room for bitterness in this thing.

There is only God's will to be done in order that all men everywhere might see God's glory.



David (Da-ood in Kurdish) cooked breakfast for us. He is just one of so many who need the Gospel.

Kurdistan

Several news agencies have reported (unsubstantiated) that President Masoud Barzani will not be seeking re-election in Kurdistan. We ask that you make the next election a matter of prayer. President Barzani has maintained a favorable view of the USA and Christians in general. It is our earnest desire that the leader of the Kurdish people will continue the policy of religious freedom. Regardless of the outcome, we believe that circumstances must be seen through the eyes of God's will and never the reverse. Circumstances must not determine God's will for the Christian. God's will must be paramount for the Christian in spite of social or political turmoil.

Deputation

We have some exciting personal news! My teen and early adult years were spent on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona as my parents are missionaries there. One of the men that has been trained through the institute there has begun deputation and is planning to start a church in Window Rock, AZ!! This town is the seat of government for the Navajo Nation and is in desperate need of a solid, Bible-preaching Baptist church. If interested in a meeting, his contact info is below. Ryan Nez (928) 637-5379 reachingtherez@yahoo.com

In His Service,
Matt Haynes

