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Dear Pastor, May - June

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.

"Almighty God, we ask not for thrones and scepters, supported by oppression and blood; we ask not for power nor disposition to recriminate injuries, and take guilty revenge on those who have abused us; we rather ask for some humble lot among the sons of peace-to live like Christians, at the feet of their Saviour, being perfectly reconciled to God and his government: and, should we be insulted or abused, we wish to submit ourselves to God in well-doing—take joyfully the spoiling of our goods, and breathe out such unfeigned prayers for our enemies as Stephen did: 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge;' or, if it would not be too presumptuous to imitate the Saviour of sinners when dying on the cross, say, 'Father, forgive them, they know not what thev do.' "

John Leland, 1754 – 1841 (a great Baptist preacher)



Members of the terrorist organization called ISIS - men in desperate need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!!

Kurdistan

Please continue to pray that God would continue to work in the lives of Muslim people in Kurdistan and around the world. There is a great crisis of faith throughout many countries because of the destruction wreaked by ISIS. Men ask questions to which only God has and only He is the answer. For many people, their world is falling apart and their religion is failing them. What an opportunity for the child of God to reach out with the saving Grace of Jesus Christ! Islam should not be some giant, scary monster that we allow the news media to use in manipulating how we think. Islam is the result of men without Christ. ISIS is the result of men wholly given to Islam. Have you ever given just a moment to consider what this world would be like if we were as wholly given to Christ as they are to Mohammed?

Deputation

5 months left!!! We are headed to Erbil. Kurdistan in November! The date is tentatively set as 11-20. We are planning on flying out of Oklahoma City. God has blessed our time on deputation and we have been encouraged by the response of churches to the need to reach Muslims in their own cities, not just around the world. Pray for us as we go through the daunting task of preparing to move.

In His Service. Matt Haynes

