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MISSIONARIES TO KURDISTAN

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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

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.

"All the mighty volumes of philosophers are trifling to the Bible. They give no account how sin can be pardoned, or the dead raised, but the sacred volume informs us how the first can be, and assures us that the last shall take place."

John Leland 1754 – 1841 (a great Baptist preacher)

Kurdistan

November 20th (our departure date) is fast approaching!! Pray that God would give us wisdom in the decisions we make as we close down our life in the United States and prepare for our new life in Kurdistan. Difficult circumstances will arise and we do not seek God's help to avoid these, but his will in how we ought to behave in spite of the circumstances. It is not our health or safety that occupies our thoughts (we have grandparents for that!), but that we would be an effective tool in the hands of our Savior.

Deputation

God allowed our schedule to include a visit to the Navajo Nation in Arizona where my youngest brother and my Dad are missionaries. We took part in a three day revival that was tremendous! I was able to be part of the ordination council of Fernando Jones. Bro. Jones is a Navajo preacher who will be taking the pastorate of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Nazlini, AZ. It was such an encouragement to my wife and I to be a part of something that we hope to emulate in Kurdistan.

The solution for reaching the Navajo Nation is the same solution for reaching Kurdistan – **national pastors**. To quote my father, "I am not the answer; only a small part of the equation! The answer for reaching Navajo people with the Gospel is Navajo preachers!"

I would echo that the solution for reaching Kurdistan with the Gospel is **not** American missionaries. We are a small part of the larger plan. Our goal is that Kurdish men would answer the call of God to preach and to pastor and that those men would plant Independent (not dependent upon the US for money or training) Baptist (doctrinally correct) churches. Our hope and desire is that our Kurdish people will see Jesus Christ not as the American Savior, but, as he is in truth, the Savior of the world! We do not preach an American gospel, but the Death, Burial and Resurrection of the Son of God.



Apryl and I in Kurdish-style head gear.

In His Service,
Matt Haynes

