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Dear Pastor,

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“If God believed in you when you were broken, why can’t you believe in others when they are broken?”

Allen Domelle (Facebook post, 2018).

God takes care of his churches

In our previous letter we spoke of the passing of our former pastor, Charley O’Daniel. God was so good to us, as missionaries, and our church, as a local body, during this time. Even during our grief God had brought to our church the next man who would take the reigns of the church and lead us forward.

We are so blessed to have had a candidate that we could throw our support behind. Many churches have had to call a new pastor and not all of those experiences are pleasant. We praise God that ours was not only smooth, but also had an element of excitement when thinking of the future.

Pastor Domelle has already been a blessing to my wife and I, not only as our pastor but in his advice and encouragement regarding our ministry in Kurdistan. He has shown such grace to our former pastor’s wife, Trela O’Daniel, and has honored Bro Charley O’Daniel’s name and legacy.

We still shed some tears when we talk about Bro Charley O’Daniel, but we are excited to be part of what God will do at Maranatha through Pastor Domelle.

Please be in prayer for our pastor as well as his wife and daughter. We often focus on the man and forget that there is a family that is supporting him in his calling as well as serving a new church.

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We will be sending out a video, via Vimeo, with more updates than we could cover in this letter. The video will include information about:

- Our wreck - (nothing like a car accident in a foreign country), a missions trip to Ukraine and an exciting new **church planting opportunity**.

Your servants,

Matt & Apryl Haynes



**- Pastor Allen Domelle -
Maranatha Baptist Church is
blessed to call this man
Pastor.**



The Wife's perspective

Missions Trips are for Missionaries Too

Recently, Matt had the opportunity to teach and preach at a Bible institute in Ukraine and I got to travel along. Fifty or so students eighteen years and older traveled from all over Ukraine to attend one of many week-long institutes run by Missionary Derek Thomas. Matt and I were happy to get to be a part of it and hoped we could be a blessing while we were there, but we did not anticipate the blessing that it would be to us.

The young people we met were newly coming upon the idea of foreign missions, excited about serving God with their lives, discovering His will, and were full of questions. What a refreshing time! Though we went to be a blessing, we left blessed and refreshed, ready to return home to Kurdistan. Our trip home was filled with conversations about dreams for our ministry here and visions and hopes for 15 or 20 years down the road. It helped us to step back, get revitalized, and return to our young ministry with new excitement and vigor. The purpose of mission trips is to be a blessing and get a vision of God's work in and love for the world. Well, if that's the case, mission trips are for missionaries too. We are so grateful we got to go.



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Apryl has a new buddy.



Osman is a deaf believer recently saved. He has a passion for telling others about Christ in both the hearing and deaf communities.



This is the other guy's car. God was good to us throughout the whole ordeal.