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Dear Pastor,

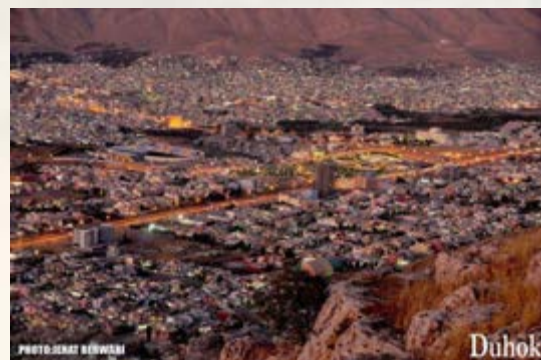
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“God would never tell you to do anything that is senseless to him”

Charles Stanley

A Change...but not really

Apryl and I felt that God would have us move from our small village into the larger city of Duhok. We fought him on this, but, as those things tend to go, we moved. We thought we were moving from the village (2-3000 people) into the city which has over 1 million people. We were not entirely wrong. Each area of the city is divided into neighborhoods that used to be villages. Apryl and I moved from a small village into the most backward and village-like neighborhood that exists in this city! God put us right in the middle of the type of Kurds that we have been reaching out to these past years.



New Neighbors

We are the only foreigners in this VERY traditional neighborhood and that has made it a bit challenging as it concerns the Gospel. The people are not used to seeing foreigners so we are beginning from scratch. We have had conversations with three of our neighbors and are praying for the Lord to use those conversations and others to allow us to share the Gospel.

**The City of Duhok.
Pray for the planting of solid local churches.**

During the Muslim holiday of Eid we decided to go Kurdish-style and invite ourselves over to the next-door neighbor's house. They were thrilled that we came! The children sat in the house and stared at us with huge grins on their faces. They now make themselves right at home in our yard and on the front porch. These are fun stories and we enjoy these experiences but that is not why we visit. Every visit we make, every plate of food we take, every conversation that happens does so with prayer and asking the Holy Spirit for guidance, boldness and reception to the Gospel. Not every conversation turns to the Gospel, but every interaction brings us closer to that Gospel opportunity.

Please continue to pray that God would give us the patience and fortitude needed to see souls saved and local churches planted.

Your servants,

Matt & Apryl Haynes

