



Kurdistan

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Dear Pastor,

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“Difficulties are not without their advantages. They are not a cause to inaction, but rather to intensify activity. They were made to be overcome.”

John Mott

Heavy Hearts

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that we are no longer meeting together as Duhok Baptist Church. An issue arose that required a decision by both the people as Christians and myself as a pastor. It was an issue of ecclesiastical separation that could not be compromised or facilitated in good conscience. It was not easy, but it was done in such a manner that each person maintained a Christ-like behavior towards one another and for that we praise God.

We will be moving the things that were donated to and purchased for the building into our home. They will not be sold or used within our home, but stored there in anticipation of God working and bringing about another church in his time and in accordance with his will.

Please be in prayer for the Kurdish people who were attending the meetings. Our hearts are broken for the decision they made, but we love them. God loves them and they need to see the love of Christ in my wife and I towards them during this time. Pray that God would grant us patience and grace that would translate to good relationships with these folks. We disagree with their decision but they are brothers and sisters in Christ.

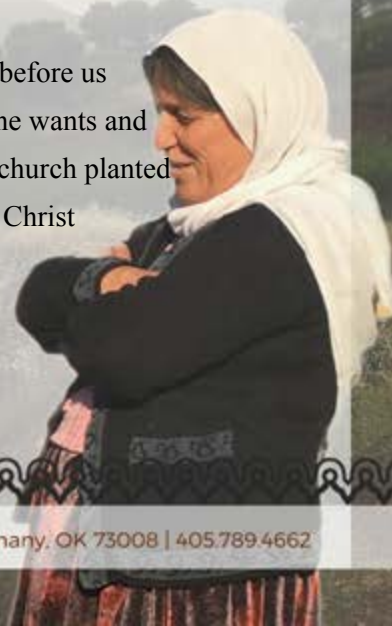
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God did not promise any Christian an easy road, but he did say that he had walked the road before us and would walk it with us. We believe that God has a plan for Kurdistan. Our desire is to be where he wants and to do those things that would further the Gospel to the glory of God. We believe God would have a church planted here in Kurdistan. Pray for us as we work towards that end and labor to leave behind that for which Christ died - his church.

Your servants,
Matt & Apryl Haynes



**Assyrian Catholic Church.
Wherein is found no truth and no hope.**





Dear Fellow Pastors,

I recently communicated with one of our supported missionaries Bro. Matt Haynes to the Kurdish people in the middle east. We were able to chat through a secure phone app called Signal. It was a blessing to re-connect with Bro. Matt as we had not received our regularly scheduled prayer letters in some time. He expressed how sorry he was for this and explained how undependable the many mailing services they have paid for have been. I told him there is no need to apologize as I know they are in a very difficult region of the world due to it's remoteness and security related issues.

Our church supports several missionaries to the middle east as well as a communist country is SE Asia. Our church's missions policy requires receiving frequent correspondence from our supported co-labourers around the world. For most fields this is a reasonable requirement as we give an account for the Lord's money and His church. Because our church has been able to spend time with these missionaries to the middle east and dangerous, unstable regions, it has allowed us to learn of some of the difficult obstacles they encounter in routine communication.

I personally would like each of us to consider that there are unusual situations that should allow more grace and patience with these servants; that I believe are current day heroes of the faith. It would be a great loss to see missionaries to the most needed places in the world return due to lost support. If I can help you with downloading and using secure apps to communicate with these situations, I would be glad to provide whatever help I can. I would like to close by saying I offered to write this letter. Bro. Haynes agreed that it could be a help to to them and others.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill Rudd

Cottonwood Valley Baptist Church