



THE HAYNES

MISSIONARIES TO IRAQI KURDISTAN

"We get too caught up in the incidentals of sin instead of the lost dying in sin"

Charley O'Daniel, 2007

Dear Pastor,

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Furlough 2020

What a blessing it has been to meet with our supporting churches! We have been greatly encouraged. During this strange time (the "Covid" months) we have found that churches, as well as pastors, are also in need of some encouraging. Some churches have been targeted by their local communities while others have seen varying reactions to their physical assembly. Please know that Apryl and I are praying for you and are thankful for your testimonies locally as well as nationally.

We continue to travel to our meetings and would covet your prayers for safety on road, but more so for effectiveness in preaching and encouraging churches and pastors.

Gospel Opportunities

Kurdistan - Concern regarding Covid-19 is not a national phenomenon but one of global proportion. Many Kurdish people fear for their health and the health of their families. Living in fear makes sense when you have no hope for tomorrow and eternity is a "roll of the dice." God has given us several opportunities, via phone calls to Kurdistan, to speak boldly of the peace that comes only through faith in Christ. One man in particular, let's call him Mr. M, who is a devout Muslim, was more open to hearing about Jesus because of the reality of death that surrounds Covid-19. Continue to pray that the Lord will open more of these doors, that we will step through them and see Kurdish souls come to know the Lord.

Social Media - While the words "social media" usually evoke groans (from those over 30) and selfies (from those under 30) God has given us a vision to utilize these tools for the sake of the Gospel. In the coming weeks we will be broadcasting a short, weekly Bible study in Behdini Kurdish on several platforms and outlets. Please pray that God will use these live videos to convict hearts of their need for the Gospel.

As always, we ask for your prayers that God would make us effective in the ministry of the Gospel.

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