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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support again. The Lord has been good to us here in Turkey in so many ways, and we are so thankful for His leadership in our lives. We thank God for you having part in our ministry.

The Lord has been working here in Düzce, bringing people to our church slowly. We called our church Düzce Baptist Church. Through your support, we were able to print a Farsi hymnbook that I had put together (about 111 Farsi hymns). We printed 2,000 copies of Farsi Gospel tracts called the "Stop tract." We also printed 1,000 copies of a discipleship book called "Learn Of Me" that I have written. Pray that the Lord would use the book to help Farsi speakers grow in their faith. I introduced the book to believers and taught a lesson from it last week. We have had our services on Sunday morning and evening as well as Thursday evening. We also hold a Saturday evening prayer meeting asking the Lord to use our services to strengthen the believers here. We didn't have anyone attend our first midweek service, but the second week, one family joined, and the next week two families joined us. My wife has been a blessing to us ministering through music, and Miss Heather has been a blessing teaching the children as well. We do ask you to pray for Düzce Baptist church, and especially for Ajang who is going to lead the church.

Ajang and I have been trying to go out every day to meet Farsi speakers and witness to them. We meet very few Iranians unfortunately, but we meet many Afghanis who are very hard to reach. Apparently, there are less than 100 Iranians but over 5,000 Afghanis in this city. This evening, we

met four Afghanis, started conversations with them, and continued sharing the Gospel with them which led to a hot debate. One of the men, Eghbal, was telling us how God sent four inspired books, of which the Quran was the last and the final revelation. Therefore, Islam is the best and the final religion of God, he continued. He said that we all need to worship Allah, who Jesus and all the other prophets worshipped. It breaks my heart to see how they defend a fake religion that takes them to hell. They stand for their faith very firmly. After meeting those four men, we also witnessed to another Afghani, but he was even more difficult to reach. He denied the death of Jesus and relied on his deeds to get him to heaven. We explained to him that Jesus sacrificed His life for us to redeem us from our sins, and there is no other way to get to heaven.

Afghani saved



Nabi (meaning "prophet"), an Afghani man who knew Ajang for a while, was invited to church. After attending our service, I got his contact number and made an appointment with him. Last week, Ajang and I picked him up and took him home to share the Gospel with him. The Lord has been working in his heart already. He



showed me a video of an Afghani man who was shot to death lately by the Taliban, because he was working as a translator for Americans and was receiving “dirty” money from “infidels.” He told me that he never learned anything in Islam and has seen many corruptions and death through Islam. He was sick of Islam. When I shared the Gospel with him, he told me what he needed to do to be saved, and I told him to call on Jesus’ name and asked Him to be his Lord and Savior, which he gladly did. Nabi told me that he is friends with an Afghani couple who also have lost interest in Islam, and that he will invite them to come. Would you pray for these friends to come and get saved?

An Iranian saved

Thank you for praying for Mina. After asking Mina if I could share with her how to be saved, she was happy to do so. I was privileged to go through the Gospel presentation with her and at the end she prayed and received Jesus as her Savior in the presence of other believers. As soon as she got saved, she told me that she has a friend in Istanbul who will be coming to our town, and she asked me if I could share the Gospel with her as well. That was a blessing to hear that and of course, I was willing to share it with her friend as well. Would you please pray that her friend would come and get saved?



Mina & Elham

Fariba, an Iranian lady who is one of my online students, was so glad to have her two older sisters with her (in their 70s, picture below). She asked me if I could pray for them to join our class to listen to the message, which they did. I asked Fariba’s two sisters if I could talk to them the next day and tell them how to be saved. The next day, I called them and witnessed about three hours over Skype. They asked me so many questions about the Bible. One of them told me that they have been witnessed to for six years but were never convinced that Christianity was the only way. What she told me was encouraging: “You are the only one answering my questions and I am convinced now that Jesus can save us and I would like to tell you that I believe now.” I told her that she needed to express her faith to God in prayer asking Jesus to save her from her sins. Both sisters in their 70s called on Jesus’ name and got saved. Praise God for their salvation.



Two Afghanis saved

Morteza and Najib, who have been joining my class lately, were interested in learning and growing. The Lord allowed me to call them last week and they both called on the name of the Lord for salvation. The Lord is working during these dark days in this last hour. The coming of Jesus is at hand as we see the end time prophecies coming true before our eyes. The Lord is drawing the last harvest and preparing the world for His coming. Would you pray that the Lord would use me and my family and Miss Heather to have a big part in His last harvest?

Outreach Opportunity

Sizdah Bedar is the thirteenth day of the Persian New Year when all Iranians celebrate the last day of the New Year holiday by having a picnic day. As a church, we are planning to have a picnic also and use it as an outreach opportunity. Would you pray that the Lord would help us reach out to Persians and invite them to church?

Next month we are going to have a baptism ceremony when our new converts will get baptized. My family in Iran will be travelling here to meet us as well. My lost father most

likely will be here too. Would you pray for the salvation of my father please? Would you also pray that the rest of my family would be willing to get baptized?

All to the glory of God!

"unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Ephesians 3:21

Prayer Requests

- For Duzce Baptist church to grow
- For our health & safety
- For our baptism
- For Sizdah-Bedar outreach
- For our housing situation in the US

Faithfully serving,
Michael & Emily,
Gabriel, Esther & Grace Gergi