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Dear Praying Friends,

Our dear Afghan brother "N" called me from California the other day and had so many wonderful things to tell me, I asked him to write them down and send them so I could share them with those who are praying for him. He did not include all the things he mentioned on the phone, but here are a few things to thank God for and to pray about for him...

Hello my dear brother,

God has given my wife and I so many opportunities to reach Afghans. We are doing well in our ministry. We met a new Afghan family at Christmas time, and have visited with them a lot in their home and in ours. They are five people--a couple and their three boys. Three nights ago they invited Lara and I to their home, and he shared with me that he has accepted Christ, and wanted to show that he accepted Christ with all of his understanding and knowledge of who Christ is. He is a former journalist, and his wife is also educated. I believe that he can become a very good preacher.

Our other new believer, Dr. "P", is doing very well. He is looking forward to starting his ministry among Afghans. His wish is to go to Khandar, the most dangerous part of Afghanistan. He believes that God gave him a heart and a tongue to reach those people!

We have met some Afghan Christians here, but they did not have a leader to start an Afghan fellowship. When I talked to them about wanting to start an Afghan fellowship, they were very excited about being a part of it. We believe that it is time to start a fellowship, as there are now 12 Afghan believers here in Fremont.

Please pray for us to have God's wisdom, knowledge, and strength to start an Afghan church. We would especially like to reach out to some of the Afghans who have lived here in America for the last 20 years or so, and who are much more open than many other Muslims. We have some friends in this group of people already.

Please also pray for the trip that we would like to take to Istanbul. Pastor "H" has invited us to join the Persian conference that will be in Istanbul. The expenses for the trip have already been provided.

In the house church in Istanbul, a family of four gave their hearts to Christ! Their names are H., his wife L., and their two children. Please pray for them.

Please also pray for our papers. We just need to send in a few more documents, and then hopefully I will receive my conditional permanent residence. Please pray for favor in the eyes of the government.

Last week I shared my testimony in the three services of Crossroads Church. So many people came to me afterwards and told me how much it encouraged them. A lady wrote me a note, saying that mine was the most powerful testimony she has heard in her 85 years of life. Another woman told me that her son was murdered last year, and she was hopeful that my story would touch one of her daughters, who has not been able to forgive the murderers, and who was just filled with hatred for them.

My dear brother, please pray that God starts this Afghan church soon. Please pray for wisdom in this matter for us, and for the grace I am sure we will need once the church starts.

"N" and "L"

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