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Dear Praying Friends,

THANK YOU for reading this all the way through and THANK YOU for praying...

For the last few months I have been meeting with a doctor from Pakistan who is the head of one of the opposition parties there. While in Greece 11 months ago for a speaking engagement, his name was broadcast across Pakistan (via radio, newspaper, and internet) by the Taliban as a "wanted man". He stayed in Greece, applied for asylum, and hoped to soon send for his wife, 3-year-old-daughter and 1-year-old son.

ISA. 41:10-13

With no answer yet from the Greek government regarding his asylum, he has conveyed to me on a regular basis news reports of friends of his in Pakistan killed in terrorist attacks.

For 11 months his wife and children have been in HIDING far from their home city--no social life for the wife, NO contact with friends or relatives for putting their lives in danger as well. Yesterday, the doctor's wife received a phone call from the Taliban telling her that they knew where she was and that at the right moment they were going to be delivering a bomb to her.

It is impossible for most of you (and me) to imagine the kind of fear that this would induce, and this family is certainly going through the most emotionally and psychologically challenging time of their lives. PLEASE PRAY FOR A MIRACLE OF GOD to provide safety for this family still in Pakistan, and for all of them to be re-united soon.

In the last two meetings the doctor and I had, we cried and laughed and prayed and studied the Scriptures together. He has told me about dreams and experiences he has had that he now understands to be God speaking and moving in his life in ways that would eventually lead him to Jesus. He has expressed a strong and certain conviction that Jesus is the only way to salvation and life, both in this world and the one to come. He has come to believe through prayer and God's word that Jesus is the True way and that the life of God through Jesus is the only true life. He has expressed fear about going public with this but is never-the-less sure that it will happen; he is just praying for wisdom about when and how.

His current accommodations and daily needs are being provided by the political party in Greece that is the same one he leads in Pakistan. He believes that when he goes public with this, that they will cut his support, and he currently has no means to provide for himself with his current status.

Please pray for courage and wisdom and growth in faith for this very special, sensitive, and influential man. Please pray for me as I interact with him for the month I have left before I leave for the States with Ellie.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PRAYING. WE NEED YOU AND YOUR PRAYERS IN THIS MINISTRY. WE WOULD NOT HAVE A TEAM HERE IF WE DID NOT HAVE A TEAM THERE!