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Dear Praying Friends,

"N" is a dear Afghan brother who met Jesus in Athens and now lives in California (married to one of our former teammates, Lara Thompson). He is developing relationships with Afghans in the area near where he lives. Here are some excerpts from recent e-mails to me. I trust that reading these will encourage you to continue praying...

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 Nov. 10

Hello my dear brother...

...I met an Afghan who lives alone. He is about 50 years old and very wise. I'll have a Bible study with him from next week. He loves to come to church and he says that the Church is the foundation of the morality and the truth. He says, "I'll come to Church to learn kindness and gentleness like all Christians. Honestly, he is the first Afghan I saw so open. We met just a few times and he thinks I am a good person )..."

"N"

(SCOTT'S NOTE: I just talked to Navid (Dec. 1st) and he said that on Tuesday this man ACCEPTED CHRIST, and on Wednesday he had a heart attack and is in the hospital!)

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 (This letter refers to the Afghan "M" who became a believer in Athens and is now planting an Afghan church in Turkey)

Nov. 12

Hello dear brother,

"M" from Turkey and I always call each other, because it's difficult for him to check the internet every day. He speaks Farsi, Uzbek (very well), Turkish, Pashtu, and I think he speaks a little English. He provides for himself and the church by working loading and unloading trucks. It's very heavy work. Lately, he has met lots of families. He asked for prayer for those families because it's very cold right now in Istanbul. The families that come don't speak the language yet and don't have jobs. Most of them look through trash in the evening to find wood or boxes to burn to warm themselves by. And after the market days, those families go through the trash to find the vegetables thrown out. He has had good opportunities to speak with the families, and has built a good relationship with some of them. He says that they listen to him because they are so lonely and disappointed, that they are so happy to meet with him and listen to what he says. He needs your prayers, for God's strength. As you know, every Sunday he has his little fellowship, but he lives in a one bedroom apartment, and he is trying to work harder to get a two bedroom apartment, so some families can come worship there as well. As you know, Afghan families are very strict, and don't want to be in the same room with singles. For that, he would need to pay about 250 dollars per month. In Turkey, that's a lot of money, so please pray for God to provide that. Please pray for us to find a way to send him the money that people want to give! He promised to send me some pictures of the families and the fellowship, and I will send them to you when I get them.

"N"

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 Nov. 21

Dear Brothers,

Yesterday there was an American Thanksgiving party for Afghans, sponsored by 8 different churches. It was a great success. They expected perhaps 40 people to come, but 105 people were there. Lara and I volunteered there as well. We met lots of Afghan families. They treated us very well, especially

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Lara. Everyone we met invited us to visit them in their homes. We met one of the most famous and influential Afghan women. For many years she had high positions in the government of Afghanistan, such as the Assistant Minister of Education, and the Leader of All Women in Afghanistan. She was also several times the director of high schools and universities. She's very well educated. She is also the cousin of the ex-president of Afghanistan (Dr. Najibola, the favorite president of all Afghans, even today). She is from one of the most influential families in Afghanistan. There was a book table at the party, and she took the Gospel of John, and I also gave her the entire Bible. I told her, "This is the Holy Bible, and you need to read it." She said, "People think I'm Communist, but I know there is a powerful God. I will definitely read it." She received an invitation from the Afghan government to come back to Afghanistan, and in a few months she will go back. She will have another high position in the government, though I'm not sure which one. We drove her home, and she wanted to make sure we saw which apartment was hers, so that we could find it again. She invited us to her home, and promised to cook the best food for us. She also told me that I am not alone, because she is next to me. Please pray for this woman. If she becomes a Christian, she will be a powerful force for the Gospel in Afghanistan. Many thanks, and bless you!

"N"

(SCOTT'S NOTE: I just talked to Navid (Dec. 1st), and he said that this woman is so VERY CLOSE to accepting Christ that she was recommending a book to Navid that she had read that she said would help Navid in his evangelistic efforts with Muslims!)

Nov. 28

Dear Brothers,

In the last two weeks, God has been doing a lot of work among Afghans in Fremont. There are two people who are very serious seekers. One of them seems ready to give his heart to Jesus. He is a doctor. Please pray for him. The other is the influential lady I told you about before.

Last Tuesday we met with an Afghan family. The family was from Mazar-i-Sharif, and they knew me very well. The head of the family told me that it was a shame we didn't meet when I first arrived in Fremont, because he really would have liked to spend more time with me. When I talked to him about Christianity, he told me that he always tells his children, "Look at what good people Christians are, and how they have treated us. All the Muslims did bad to us. I believe Christianity is the truth." He wants to spend more time with me, because it is so difficult to change religions. Unfortunately, he and his family are moving to Boston in two weeks. Please pray for him, and if you know anyone in Boston who could talk with him, please let me know. It would be wonderful to have someone to introduce him to who could tell him more about Christianity.

This afternoon I met an Afghan believer at the Iranian church in Fremont. It was his first time there, but he has been a believer 6-8 years. His brother and sister are also Christians. I shared with him about the Afghan ministry, and he was very excited. He will pray about working with us. I think that very soon God may start an Afghan church or home group here in Fremont soon. Please pray!

"N"

(SCOTT'S NOTE: I just talked to Navid (Dec. 1st) and he said that the woman in this family got sick and needs surgery so their move to Boston is BEING POSTPONED, which Navid believes is the hand of God to give him more opportunity to spend time loving and sharing with this family!

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