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Dear Praying Friends,

Thanks for your prayers on behalf of this ministry. I just wanted to share with you two or three answers to prayer...

1. Last May we asked you to pray about the new Iranian Fellowship. To tell you the truth, I did not have a lot of hope that it would go well for very long. Oh me of little faith! That's not to say that there have been no problems. Of course, there is immaturity and there are continual challenges to face, but since last May the fellowship has been going strong in spite of transition in both constituency and leadership (due to the refugees immigrating to other countries). They average anywhere from 25-60 adults. The first half of the time is devoted to singing, praying, and teaching for believers. The final part is an evangelistic thrust through a message and testimonies, and call to follow Jesus. Usually, food and fellowship follow.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY, ESPECIALLY FOR A MATURE, LONG-TERM PASTOR OF THIS FELLOWSHIP.

2. This past Sunday I heard two testimonies at the Iranian Fellowship. One was a man around 30-35 years old who had suffered chronic stomach problems for 20 years, making it painfully difficult to eat just about anything. He came to the fellowship, received prayer for healing, was healed, and is now following Jesus!

3. At a recent Tea Bar, a young Iranian was speaking with Themis Sirinides, one of our teammates. He told him that he was sleeping in the park but he did not come to the ARC to ask for anything except for one thing--the answer to the question: How can he tell his family about his new faith in Jesus? Themis gave him some wise advice and asked to hear his story. Apparently, he had seen one of the new Iranian converts (Ali)--who was recently baptized and stays in one of the Nests-- reading his New Testament. When he asked Ali what he was reading, Ali told him and told him how it tells about Jesus the Son of God who died for the sins of the world. This young Muslim asked if he could have one too, so Ali gave him his own. Soon after beginning to read it, the young man became convicted of the Truth of God's word and began following Jesus. In spite of his desperate circumstances, his greatest concern is now sharing his faith with his family back in Iran.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR STANDING WITH US IN PRAYER!

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