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Subject: Update on the updates

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Dear Praying Friends,

Here are a few updates on recent updates I have sent...

- 1. "M" is growing strong in his faith and attending a local Greek church, and classes for new believers.
- 2. 4 people have responded to the recent knee-mail about re-opening the Nest, with the following investment results: coverage of ALL set-up costs, and \$325/month for the first year! When we see another \$875/month come in for monthly costs, we will proceed in faith that God will provide the rest (another \$1,200/month) as we go. Thank you for your continued prayer for this strategic aspect of the ministry. Thank you to those who generously responded.
- 3. It has been our vision for some time to begin a "laundromat ministry" since so many refugees (especially mothers with children) have no place for washing their clothing. Although we are a long way from seeing the whole vision fulfilled, we are on the verge of launching the initial stages. Due to a VERY generous donation, from a Christian Greek businessman, of 3 brand new washing machines and 3 brand new driers we will be starting as soon as 3 things happen: 1. The electrician wires up appropriate outlets, 2. The plumber connects them to the water supply, 3. We raise the money for an awning to protect them from the rain (about \$600), as they will be kept on the outside balcony at the back of the A.R.C. We estimate that, with our current limitations, we will only be able to serve about 30 families a week (one load each), but that is only a BEGINNING! We envision a facility some day that allows for a special laundromat room with 25 machines, a full-time manager, evangelistic videos and literature, and volunteers to converse with them while they wait.
- 4. And one more new clip from the Persian Christian Fellowship that happened a few weeks ago (written by Nader and Ella)...Last Sunday morning in the Greek Church, we held a baptism for another Iranian man who was a believer for almost two and a half years. His name is "J". Please pray for his continuous walk with the Lord.

That Sunday night we started the fellowship at 6 pm. During sermon time, I played the movie of Mel Gibson the "Passion of Christ." I chose that day to show the film on the big screen because it was the holy days for Muslims. When Jesus was beaten, one Afghan man went to the back and sat on the floor unable to watch the sufferings. Another one turned holding his head asking to the person next to him to tell him if the beating was finished. An Iranian man went to the back of the hall and doesn't want to watch the film. An Afghan man was crying and washed his face. Another Afghan man said that he was coming to the church for food but this time as he watched the "Passion of Christ" for the first time touched him and asked if he can have Injil (New Testament). That was what we observed from the people but who knows what was happening in their hearts—only God knows. Thanks for standing with us in this ministry through your many sacrifices!

Grateful,

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