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Dear Praying Friends,

I am heading to the airport and will be gone (and mostly offline) until Feb. 11th when I return. However, I wanted to send this (continuation of what I sent a couple days ago) before I leave...as always thanks for praying and for supporting this ministry in other ways...

"M" the Afghan young man is the nephew of "R" (an Afghani who came to know the Lord 5 years ago while in Athens, now is living legally in England and married to an Iranian woman--"R" is in our ministry video if you have seen it). **"R" has been witnessing to his nephew "M" by phone for years and encouraging him to come to the PCF. Lately, he became a seeker and has been asking many questions about Christianity. About two weeks ago he accepted Christ!**

"D" is an Iranian man who was a kick boxer. Being a sportsman, yoga was his meditation to get strength. I met him while I was in Turkey in 1998 but he was not convinced with Christianity when I talked to him about it.

When he was in Iran, "D" was attending the Khanagha (which is the practice of Shiite people to honor the prophet Ali, the son-in-law of the Islamic prophet Mohammad). For 2 years, when observing the Khanagha, "D" was praying from night till morning every night. In these two years of praying he memorized almost 1/3 of the book of Quran. And when he was in Turkey, he was fasting every other day for 4 years. He tried to keep the law and do more.

**After 10 years, we met again when he came to the ARC.** He remained an unbeliever until recently when he confessed to me something about his past. He hasn't told anybody but me, and he told me everything that's gone on with his life from the past up to the present. His life became an open book to me. He trusted me to tell all his secrets that no man had ever known. **He asked me if there is still forgiveness for him because all that he learned in the teaching for Muslims was that there was no forgiveness for the things he had done.** I explained the forgiveness of God.

**After a few more Sundays, attending, listening, and receiving from the Lord, the Lord opened his heart to receive His forgiveness, and he said he that he accepted Him now from his heart! He started attending the New Believer's Class and Prayer Night. He said he is ready any time for baptism. And the good thing now is the Lord set him free and he is starting to feel free with the people.**

"A1" is an Afghani man who was working in the military in Afghanistan. He was persecuted for being a Hazara minority and witnessing corruption in the government. The authorities wrote a false accusation against "A1" to frame him for the crimes for which they are guilty. So he decided to run away from Afghanistan with his wife and two sons. They went to Pakistan and while there one of his sons was kidnapped (and never found). Later, they went back to Afghanistan but he found out the authorities were still looking for him.

So he returned again to Pakistan with his wife and his son to save his life.

He left his family with his parents in Pakistan while his wife was pregnant with their 3rd child, and now "A1" has been here in Athens for a year and a half. "A1" prefers to be alone and not close to Afghan people. He only came to the ARC for the Persian Fellowship every Sunday. Nader invited him to come for dinner one night to our home. After his work "A1" came to our home and we serve him a good dinner. We had a good and long conversation about Christianity till 2 in the morning and we gave him a warm room and nice bed for the night. Every time he comes to the

Fellowship, he is happy and cannot forget that night when he learned the answers he was looking for about Christianity.

Yesterday, when I gave him the medicine that I bought for his prescription from the doctor, he showed me a document from Afghanistan sealed by the government of Afghanistan for his execution. He will face persecution and probable execution for the false accusation against him that the authorities wrote.

We have "A2" the Afghani family man who arrived in Athens recently with his wife and his son. He said he only had reached the 5th grade in school and his wife never had gone to school. They were attending the PCF regularly, **and one Sunday he said he saw a dream. In his dream he saw a woman and a man beside the door of a small church, telling him that door is the way and the truth.** He told his wife about his dream and she replied that it was the prophet of Islam, for they accept also that Jesus is a prophet. When he came to the Persian Fellowship, he heard the message that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and that is what he heard in his dream. He asked Nader to answer his questions. One afternoon in their one-on-one conversation, Nader told him that only Jesus is the truth and the way of salvation. He became one of the seekers reading tracts and other literature. **One Sunday, he wrote on the prayer card (we are distributing them in the Fellowship to know how we can pray for them) that he wanted to accept the Lord to come into his heart!** (All the prayer request they write, we are bringing to the Lord and praying every Thursday Prayer Night and Bible Study). He also asked us to pray for his wife to come to the Lord as well. He is now in our New Believer's Class.

The New Believer's Class is so important because when they take it seriously, it will be the foundation of their faith for the new believers from the Muslim background. It is my special request to pray for the new believers to be strong in the Lord.

We praise God for the movement of the unity in the Spirit among the believers in the Persian Christian Fellowship in the Helping Hands ministry.  
Please pray for continued unity.

Pray for the seekers that they may find the true living God and Savior.

Pray for all the Afghan people who are very desperate in their situation.

Pray that the Lord will touch the Greek government for any reason to comfort them and keep them safe from the hands of the strangers also in Greece.

Thank you for always standing with us in prayer.

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