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Dear Praying Friends,

Yesterday I had the privilege of talking with "N", a dear Afghan brother who married one of our American teammates and is now living in a part of California where many Afghans live. He goes visiting Afghan families in the area at least once a week. This past week he met a family with whom he began to share his testimony after the man asked him why he converted from Islam to Christianity. "N" was orphaned as a young boy when the Taliban murdered his whole family while he was away with his grandparents. The father of the family he was visiting stopped him almost right after he started, and exclaimed, "I knew your father and your mother very well! I loved them very much. You will be like a son to me. You and your wife are always welcome in my home, whether I am here or not. You may have lost your family, but now you have a new one, and we must spend much time together..."

Please pray that this new relationship will help this family find a new relationship with Christ.

While on the phone, "N" told me about two other Afghans who had come to Christ through this ministry in Athens. Both had gone on from here to Belgium. While they were here, they were struggling in their new faith. One had a misunderstanding with another believer that seemed to bring him down. There were doubts by some if the other was even sincere at all in his faith. However, it seems that the first is an active part of a church in Brussels, growing strongly in his faith. The other received his documents from the government of Belgium and went to TURKEY with the purpose of trying to establish an AFGHAN CHURCH. He just had his first two "home group meetings", with 10 Afghans at one and 13 at the other! (If anyone knows of any Christian contacts in Istanbul, please let me know as this brother is all ALONE, and needs help and encouragement).

Please pray for these brothers to continue growing in their relationship with Jesus and sharing Him with others.

Thank you for standing with us in this ministry to reach the nations with the Gospel.

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