

Subj: **Iranian Missionary, The Nest, and In the Black**
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Dear Praying Friends,

Praise God with us for the following...

1. Our teammate Nader shared the following story (about which he recently learned) at our last Team Meeting:

"A" was an Iranian refugee who came to the Lord in Athens several years ago, and began to develop his walk with the Lord. He had been a drug addict and the Lord completely delivered him. About 4 years ago, his wife told him that if he didn't return to Iran she was going to divorce him. So he returned. Some time after returning he led his wife and kids to the Lord. Then his parents and siblings. Then his wife's parents and siblings. They started meeting in his home for worship and Bible studies. Soon, men in police uniforms with I.D. papers were showing up during these house meetings and severely beating "A". These beatings actually began to draw the attention of the neighbors who asked "A" why they were doing this to him. This gave him the opportunity to share Jesus with his neighbors, who started coming to Christ and joined the home fellowship! One of those neighbors was a policeman who investigated and found out that there was actually no order from the police department for beatings to be carried out against "A" and that the men coming to do this were imposters! So this neighbor PROMISED PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT against any further beatings.

THERE ARE NOW FIVE HOME FELLOWSHIPS THAT "A" HAS STARTED IN HIS CITY SINCE LEAVING GREECE FOUR YEARS AGO!

2. Lord willing, it looks like we will be resurrecting next month The Nest ministry (temporary shelter/discipleship ministry) after over 2 years of "hibernation"!!! PTL!! Please pray, as we only have 50% of monthly costs PLEDGED, but are trusting God to bring in the other 1,000 EUROS/month as we take this step of faith. One of our new teammates Brett Sanner will be overseeing this strategic ministry.

3. Our account at I.T. is back in the black, due to some extra generous gifts this month. It is not yet built up enough for us to be reimbursed for the last 5 months of "business" expenses, but we are very grateful not to be "in the red" any longer. Thanks to all who prayed and/or gave.

THANKS FOR STANDING WITH US IN THIS MINISTRY!

Grateful,

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