

# International Christian Outreach Ministry

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Dear Saints, friends and Partners,

Grace to you from our heavenly Father and thank you for your prayers, the work among the Christian refugees continues and this time we felt very strong resistance. It seems our Lord was doing great things through our Ministry and us and the enemy was not pleased; this time it was different and we could feel it in the spiritual as well as in the physical!

It is another trip to Iraq to visit and help Christian refugees there; this time we were discussing the 'other' help for them in advance with other brothers, who were willing to help in the resettlement of some Christian refugees to the Czech Republic. The Lord blessed us in that Brother Jan D. from Prague decided to go with us; many Churches and some organizations were helping him. They sent him to collect data which could be used in a Report to the Czech Government in order to help those in dire needs, like widows, orphans and seriously ill people.



Istanbul was the first station as usual and we visited the Church in Gedikpasa near the Grand Bazaar. And while there a Muslim family spoke to us "My daughter would like to see a Church from the inside" the man told us "She keeps asking us...is it possible to go inside?!". It was a great opportunity for us and we allowed them to go inside and 'have a look'; but that was NOT all

of it. The Lord guided me to talk to them about my life and how I was born in a Muslim family and that later Jesus healed me; they were touched especially the woman. “My best friends were Christians; they were our neighbours and they were so kind to me. I learnt so much from them. But then things began to change and ALL Christians left our city; we are from Babylon; my girls kept asking me why the Churches are not open and I couldn’t answer them!”



This is how our Lord works in the hearts of Muslims and when we share with them the Holy Spirit comes and convicts them of sin and reveals Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the whole world, to them. Seen from above the way to Erbil seems short but driving a car it is more than 2300 km from Istanbul. We were flying over Mousel/Nineveh which is currently controlled by the so called IS.



The situation has changed a lot especially because of the relocation of most Christian refugees to a new area; it was not far from the centre of Erbil, but needs all essentials like water. From one side it gave the people some kind of privacy; which was necessary because all of them needed that after their great loss.

In Erbil we began visiting and helping Christian refugees in different ways and spreading the Gospel of Peace; we know that the people NEED peace and only the peace of our Lord can satisfy them. After nearly a year living in tents, big halls, sleeping on the ground and ‘sharing’ everything with others they could finally be ‘alone’. That does not completely really mean being alone, because all family members had to stay together; most Christians have big families and used to live together in big houses. Still we believe it is better than staying in a tent; at least the rain won’t hurt them as it did during the winter.





When we visited the first families in the so called “Caravans”, we discovered their other needs; it was very hot there, the place was very crowded and filled only with the very necessary things. In reality many families had less place to sleep and if there was power cut, which occurs often and stays so for over ten hours, it is nearly impossible to sleep because of the heat.



Yes, it was and is still hot...and we had to sweat walking from one Camp to the next, visiting families, praying for them and handing over some donations we received. Others like the German Malteser International were there too; they all, like us, want to help because the need is great.

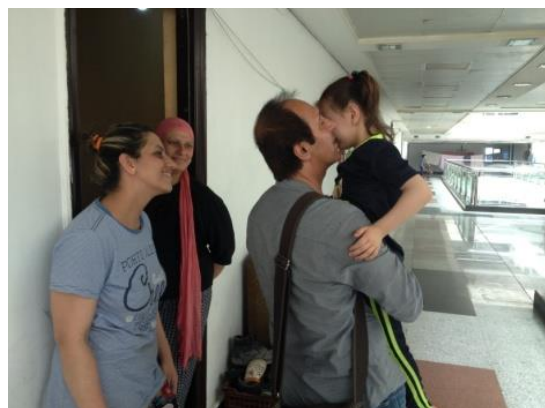


Writing down details of the sufferance of those people was a heart-breaking mission; every one of them has his/her own terrifying story. We wept with them many time. If you see a widow weeping for her martyred husband, what can you do? Just see the beautiful children and pray for them. When we went to Nishtiman Complex, where tens of Christian families were staying, the Lord rewarded us with this view: a young Christian wearing a T-Shirt with these words “I am Christian; I am Iraqi”. It is the Holy Spirit that encourages such young Christians to confess Christ.

We were encouraged to see such brave, young Christian refugees confessing Christ as their Lord, despite all what they went through and though they are living in a REAL dangerous war zone. We encourage every believer to confess Christ and let the world around them KNOW that HE is our Lord and Saviour.



Please pray with us, ask the God of love and compassion to help us accomplish the mission He entrusted us with and ask Him to confirm the Word we speak in His name. Such a little girl needs comfort, as many as other grownup; we try to give it, knowing that the Holt Spirit is our true Comforter! Then the Lord amazed us, because of HIS mighty presence and the touch of His Word. The Lord used Brother Jan D. from Prague to comfort the people and to give them some hope, but he too learnt God's unfathomable ways.



The gracious God took us through many Camps where we visited and helped Christian Refugees. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me..." John 15:26. This Word from the Bible encouraged us during the last days and we thank the Lord for the Comforter.

Brother Jan D. was with us registering some families for future help, we were reading from the Bible, sharing the Gospel with and praying for the people. The Lord did wonderful things like



healing a man from pain in his arm as well as some children; amazing how they trust in the name of Jesus and KNOW that through Him they could receive healing!



We handed out some donated money to needy people; they need it for their medicine and treatment as well as other needs. It was given for a woman who has cancer; her husband is here praying with us and for a very old man with his wife; they borrowed money for medicine and were in debt. *We ask YOU to 'adopt' a family and to help them on monthly bases; we could contact you to them directly.* This old man who's experienced a real encounter with Jesus has a great need; Brother Jan D. helped him with 200 US Dollars from Nehemiah Fund and we added 100 US Dollars donated by Brother Martin B. They need daily medicine but they cannot afford it; your help could make a difference in their life and bring you great blessing; you are giving to Jesus!



Some widows are desperate not knowing what to do; they don't see any hope of ever returning home. The help they receive is getting less and less, but the need is increasing; we try to help with what we receive; be a partaker of this great salvation. Support us through prayer or any donation OR join us for a short while to see the sufferance...and needs.



See this little boy; the cat and his sister are the only 'friends' he has; they are from the last two families left behind when the Camp was moved out of the city. WHICH future will he have?!

The slaughter is not far away from our Mission House...but the Lord is our shield. We know that the following days won't be easier, but knowing that our faithful Jesus is with us and trusting Him, we continued the work. It is not the weather and heat which was bothering us, the Lord can help us overcome every obstacle, but the spiritual struggle. We felt the need for MORE prayer, and though we sit and read the Bible and pray, the need for more prayer was heavy on our hearts. We walk in the midst of people whose intention is to spread Islam 'by all means' and though they seem nice and kind, they could change at any moment. Many in Europe do not realize this because they compare their situation and how they live with the life in Erbil; Christians there are living under absolutely different circumstances. Just over a year ago they lived peacefully in their land and never thought such a thing could ever happen; today ALL of them are refugees or killed! We need your prayers for the people, for the healing of the land and for great revelation of our Lord among His people and others. Please continue your prayers and encourage others to do the same; with all of you we proclaim: Jesus is Lord and He is coming soon...hallelujah!

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