

International Christian Outreach Ministry

Rejoice, give thanks and pray to God while going



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Dear Saints, friends and Partners,

Again we are informing you about further activities which we managed through the One Who strengthen us; it is true the days were very busy from early morning until late evening but we thank the Lord, because we managed to accomplish everything through HIS strength.

Everywhere we went the people were friendly and kind, you could hear them praising and thanking the Lord for saving them...and for us. They were expectant and full with hope when we arrived; the latest development on the war front, in western Iraq, caused them much worries: The so called IS gained more ground and occupied the biggest Province in Iraq after Nineveh!



We started with Nishtiman Camp, at the centre of Erbil, where hundreds of Christians, mostly from Qara Qosh, were allowed to stay. We registered many families, starting with Andreas Family; his wife suffered after they were driven away from their land. Six weeks later cancer attacked her body and she had to be operated and her left breast was amputated; a shock for the whole family. Their little son (above) was but ten months old; daily they must pay for medicine, but have no money. Then we went to Dr. Rabi; he is a veterinarian and owned a beautiful house in Qara Qosh and earned good money. Now he is caring about the welfare of Christian refugees in this Camp and the Lord is using him mightily; many of his family members have already left Iraq!



After visiting and registering many families, we visited one family in which the husband was a hostage of the IS; you should know that ONLY the Lord could have saved him---praise God he was saved and showing gratitude to the Lord! He told us “I don’t want my two sons to experience the same. I don’t see any future for them; Islam robbed us of everything, including our future...”.



We visited another single woman, suffering through her whole life because of her faith and her name; her father was called Israel. Muslims in general are taught from their childhood to hate the Jews and Israel; because of her faith as a Christian and her name Israel she suffered tremendously.



Then Our coordinator, Brother Firas, invited us to his house and we enjoyed a time of fellowship and prayer before leaving to continue the registration. We prepared for the departure of Brother Jan D. who was a good member of the Team and through whom the Lord did wonderful job. God was SOOO gracious and He helped us to collect so many needed data AND new testimonies in such a short time! Children blessed us, old ladies spoke about loving Jesus and whole families...

even without the fathers, were glad to 'have us'. The Priest in his office welcomed us, because he too suffered like the rest of refugees; the Church he used to serve in was destroyed by Muslims!



There was so much work to do and we would have stayed longer, but our other obligations forced us to hurry up. Many families were in need, most of them suffering and they don't know what to do. The latest political news shocked everybody, though we've been telling them the same for over a year. Yes, there is no 'fast' solution and 'up to five years' of waiting they must endure; everybody lost hope of ever returning home! These three sisters are orphans, lost father and mother and have no MAN to help them; in Oriental culture, having no family means nobody would marry them.



While serving we encountered some American pastors in Mar Elia Church(Picture above right); like us, they were trying to help too. There was a little girl in dire need for comfort...and medical need but who is willing to give it?!



We can give that what we have and that is: The Word of God, some prayer, stories from the Bible to comfort the people and the Good News that Jesus is coming soon. Our living God is using all to comfort His people and to encourage us too--- blessed be His Holy name!

The children were the ones to suffer the most, and we tried to help them with some gifts, milk for children, and activities. Brother George, director of the “War Child Tent”, took an active part in organising that, and our coordinator, brother Firas, was present too. He bought the gifts.



The first thing children need is someone to play with, others are sick and need help and there was others who were ready to 'perform'. We prayed for them and went to another Camp; the little girls wanted to show us that they could 'do' something and we enjoyed a song they sang for us.



There are other needs for grownups too, like this old man on a 'moving-chair'; after losing everything in Mousel, he lost his leg too. We prayed for him and will try to help him and his family. Then this widow with her children; her husband was killed by the IS and there is no hope for her and no future her children, but to leave...but where? Your prayers are needed.



The city centre seems the same, but it has changed a lot; now there are NEW refugees from Anbar Province, which has been taken by IS; we don't know what might happen next. The picture to the right below shows the place where the last car bomb attack took place near the American Consulate General. The Christian refugees still live in a danger zone, but we know your prayers, help and support are essential--- good to know YOU are part of such great mission." And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" Gal 6:9. We thank the Lord that GRACE is a free gift--- without it ALL would perish!



During the whole time we experienced God's mighty hand and how HE did liberate people from traditional thinking and enlightening their minds through His glory. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Gal 5:1. The centre of Erbil might seem nice and big, but an incident in the Camp, which is only 100 metres away from it caused much pain. Two years old child fall down from the fifth floor and died; another loss to this bereaved family; we visited them, expressed our condolences and helped them with the Word, prayer and handed them some money donated by Brother Jan D. and two Churches in Rychnov nad Kněžnou. How could these people be comforted? Jesus is the answer; we have nothing but HIM and that is what we give every time we visit Christian refugees.



It is heart-breaking to see them suffer such a great loss; we thank Jesus that His Word could comfort people. The next family was very special; they were so humble and their daughters so polite and kind; we read the Word, told them about Jesus and His mighty work for their salvation and blessed the children before leaving. An orphan encountered us; she is alone and still grieving for her parents "...my help comes from the Lord..." it is written. That was her comfort. A Camp further we visited a man who cannot hear because of a nearby car-bomb explosion; he needs to be operated. We handed him donated money and prayed for healing in Jesus name. Everywhere it

was nearly the same story and everywhere the Gospel of Jesus Christ was proclaimed until we met these friends. A Muslim woman with a Christian friend "I love Jesus" the Muslim woman said "I don't understand why MUSLIMS are killing you Christians; you are more than my family!" We told her about Jesus and the Cross and prayed; may He, the Saviour of the WHOLE world, save her. Please continue praying; we have more to do and need your intercession.



We are grateful for every one of you, because of your support whether through donations of clothes, money, toys for children or else, as well as your prayers. Please keep the persecuted Church of Christ, especially those in Iraq, in your prayer; ask other believers to remember us and our Ministry. The Lord permits, we will be going back to Iraq soon; please write us for more information; give thanks because He is faithful.

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