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Iraqi Relief Fund

When the call to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ came from the Middle East, you responded, and continue to respond! I am both humbled and honored that the Lord would use us in coming to their aid...we are not simply giving to a "feeding program," but we are using this to share the Love of Christ in both verbal and tangible ways...

While Chase and I were in Jordan last month, we went with Pastor Abu Dani to visit the Abu Sako family from Aleppo, Syria. They had just arrived in Jordan from a harrowing escape from a city that is all but destroyed. Their son, Daniel, had just heard that his two best friends from school had been killed that week. The stories that are coming through are

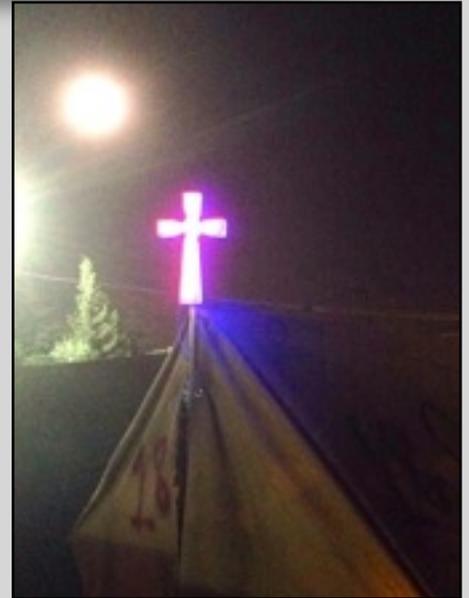
heart breaking.

This August, we started a church for Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Jordan, and it was just in time! Just a few short weeks

later, over 15,000 Iraqi Christian refugees were allowed into Jordan. About 5,000 of them have settled in the community we began this church in. Thank you Lord and thank you...Just in time! *(read more about Pastor Abu Dani on page 3)*



Above, Nahala, IM relief coordinator in Erbil, distributing blankets



Above, one of the tents lit up this large cross as soon as their generator was repaired with funds you provided

The needs continue to be met in northern Iraq, as you have made this possible. I was talking with one of our ministry partners sharing how he wished that we could see the blankets that your donations purchased. The temperature is moderating and the nights now are in the 60's...quite a change from the evenings of 100 degree heat just a few weeks ago. By your giving, we have blessed 1,400 refugee

families with the ability to have a mattress and blanket to protect their children and themselves from the cool nights. The nights will soon dip to freezing and below, with the potential of snow on the ground. A blanket costs \$10.50 for each blanket, and a months' supply of food for a family of 6 is around \$70.00. We also need a gift of \$1,500 - \$500 for three months of rent to bring four families in out of the winter. Thank you for being Christ hands and heart to our brothers and sisters in Christ. - John W. Cook, CEO

Response to help Iraqi Christian Refugees

Here's how you can engage:

- Yes, I'd like to donate \$_____ to the Iraqi Relief Fund
- I'm interested in being a volunteer at Indigenous Ministries' Colorado Springs office
- I want to partner with the Global Church Planting Initiative and donate \$_____ per month

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Ph # _____

Mail your check to 15455 Gleneagle Dr., Suite 130, Colorado Springs, CO 80921
or call 719.302.3028 with your credit card information

Children's Home, India

Do you speak three languages? In India most children learn three languages in school: Hindi, English, and their mother tongue. Currently the children at our Children's Home in central India are taking exams from the first of October through the 18th of October. *Please be in prayer as they study for and take their exams.* When exams are over they have a fall break.



Some of the boys in the Children's Home playing ball after school

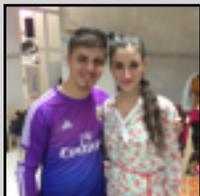
Each day our loving staff in India ministers the Word of God to the children. They are also memorizing Scripture daily. This fall, we will be in India and have the opportunity to spend time with the children and staff at the Children's Home. I'm looking forward hearing the children quote the Scripture passages they have been memorizing.



The girls singing in church. To the right is Rev. Himmat Mohod

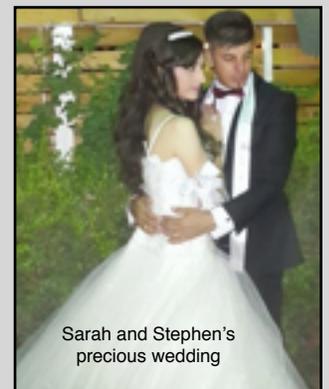
This past month, we shared the need for sponsors in multiple churches both in Colorado and California, and had a good response. We're thanking the Lord for the people who generously responded to make a lasting difference for Christ in the lives of these children. Would you consider making a lasting difference in the life of a child at \$35/month? Send me an email, I'd be delighted to introduce YOU to one of these special children. - Sarah Rieger, Email: srieger@IndigenousMinistries.org.

A Wedding Brings Joy to a Refugee Camp



This young couple, Stephen and Sarah, left, had planned on getting married in November of this year. But because of ISIS, they were forced to flee Mosul and as John and Chase met them in Erbil, they along with their families were waiting...for an uncertain future. We as a ministry

decided this wasn't right...that we could change at least their heartache. Through our local team in Erbil, we arranged for a wedding! Just a few days later, 250 family members and guests gathered to witness their exchange of vows and afterwards, ate sandwiches and wedding cake as the celebration began in earnest. Refugee wedding guests commented, *"We didn't expect to know joy again, yet this night gave us a hope we all needed...thank you!"* Late into the evening as the young couple danced in each others' arms, music and laughter filled the night air and could be heard for blocks away lifting spirits of thousands more refugees in tents nearby. For just a few seconds, we thought we heard Middle Eastern music that night in Colorado too.



Sarah and Stephen's precious wedding

Israel Tour Postponed Until Spring 2015

With recent events in the Middle East bringing uncertainty politically, especially in Israel, we've made the decision to postpone this November's tour until Spring of 2015. Dates will be in next newsletter. This gives you more time to plan and save for a wonderful trip to the Holy Land. We hope you'll join us! - John and Dee Cook



Global Church Planting Initiative - THIS IS OUR DAY!

“We are watching the collapse of a Middle Eastern culture...people are questioning everything in their life!” A Lebanonese Pastor shared these words last week with me about the unfolding tragic events in Iraq and Syria. As a result of this turmoil with ISIS, we have an opportunity as NEVER BEFORE...tens of thousands are coming to Christ. THIS IS OUR DAY! We as a ministry are poised to not only help with relief, but to step in with strategic follow-up planting churches through nationals there. Training nationals and planting churches continues to be at the core of this ministry. We’ve shared over the past few months a directive of Indigenous Ministries which is continuing to crystalize through The *Global Church Planting Initiative (GCPI)*. This initiative encompasses planting more churches in the fields we minister in.

5 New Church Plants in the Center of Crisis:

The immediate goal is to plant five more churches in the Middle East:

Egypt -1, Iraq -2, Turkey - 1, Jordan* - 1

More will be planted in the Middle East, India and Southeast Asia

*The church in Jordan has just been planted two months ago (see page one)...and as refugees from Iraq and Syria continue to pour into Jordan, this church has taken off under the watch care of Pastor Abu Dani and two well trained pastors working under him who are already hard at work reaching out to the refugees and sharing Christ with them.

Personal support needed: Pastor Abu Dani’s (pictured, right) personal support of \$2,000/month is still needed. This man is at the very heart and front lines of very tough ministry in the Middle East; would you please pray for him and his precious family and stand with me to raise his support through the GCPI?



John with Pastor Abu Dani last month in California speaking in churches raising awareness and funding for IM’s Middle East Iraqi Relief and GCPI

Partners needed: I’m asking the Lord for 200 partners who will join with me to stand in the gap and share with Muslims the hope that is found in Jesus Christ at \$100/month. Please, help me hold the line of reaching people in what used to be Christian lands. If you can’t give \$100, give \$50.

Use the form on page one to sign up to be a GCPI partner with Indigenous Ministries. Thank you, God bless you. - Dr. John Cook

Because You are Giving, Christian Iraqis are Receiving Aid



Above left, Iraqi church member checking on needs families have in refugee camps. Center, blankets purchased with funds you donated have been preparing 1400 families for what is already on its way...snow and ice, as pictured on the top right. Thousands more still need blankets.



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Grace Bible Chapel



With the Monsoons over, the building progress on the Grace Bible College Memorial Chapel, central India, has been moving along more rapidly. If we are excited to see it this far ahead, can you imagine how the students, faculty and staff feel about it?

October 27-31 Indigenous Ministries will once again hold an Indian national Pastors' Conference in the chapel. Our US team consists of Pastor Dennis Snyder (MI), Pastor Jim Cook, Dr. Dan Iles, Sarah Rieger, Chase Ward and Dr. John and Dee Cook. This is a great opportunity to train and encourage these national pastors in their own region.

Please pray for this time of ministry with these Indian pastors.

We need US sponsors to help with the expenses of this conference. The cost to sponsor one pastor is \$40. Would you help send one pastor or several pastors to these meetings?



Left, the chapel roof just after it was poured. Bottom, workers moving up and down a ladder finishing up the roof.

