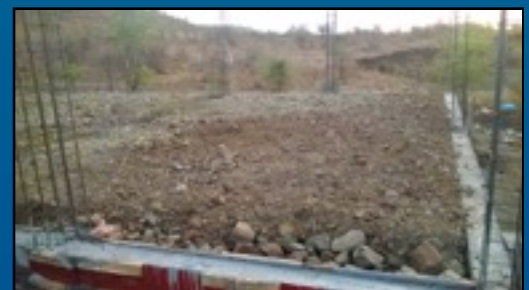


April 2016

Library/Classroom Building Underway

India - We are so utterly thrilled that 1/4th of the funds for this building have come in!!! We have started the building project by faith and each day are rejoicing at the progress. The pics below are of the brand new Grace Bible College library and classroom building going up. We're very excited at the progress so far and want to share these pictures with you. We cannot thank you enough for your prayers and participation in this wonderful new phase of the expansion of this campus. This will be used for many decades (should the Lord tarry) to train young people with a quality Biblical education in reaching a world for Christ. Each of you assisting at a level of \$1,000 or any gift takes us forward one step at a time. We are walking by faith together... Turn to page 3 for more.

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Beautiful International Women's Conference Held in Iraq

Iraq - As we began the women's conference last month in Kurdistan, I asked how many were refugees and 75% of the women held up their hands. These are some of the women and their families Indigenous Ministries has, since 2014 helped through the national church with food, water, clothing, diapers and other relief supplies; thank you for making a difference in their lives as you've donated to the Iraq Relief Fund. Thank you for your prayers for this special conference!

Impact - One of the young women attending, Maha, is from Qaraqosh. She and her husband have three energetic young girls and live in an apartment with four other families who are also refugees. With resources and space in short supply, tension is high and Maha is overwhelmed. She and I talked and her tears and words spilled out in obvious exhaustion. We spent time discussing options for her and prayed together. Two days later, her husband called the pastor and said, "I don't know what they did at the conference but this morning, my wife, she is very happy and I am very glad she went to it." I love this; one of many stories of how this conference made a difference in these women's lives.



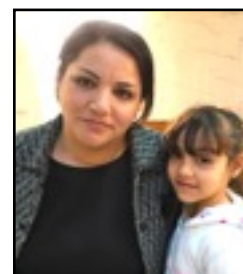
Women at the Beautiful Conference, Iraq

The conference theme was the newness of spring, and how hope, joy and love CAN ABSOLUTELY bloom again no matter what situations we journey through. We opened the Bible together and looked at hope and joy through the attributes and promises of God. The women also sat in small groups discussing the messages.

Nutrition and exercise - The second evening I donned my exercise suit and we jumped into the topics of nutrition and exercise. I challenged the women to get online and learn more about nutrition and then to encourage each other to exercise; most women in the Middle East are not involved in taking care of themselves in these two areas.

The pastor's wife did a great job of putting the conference together, and the team of musicians, translators and girls helping with the children were fantastic. As a ministry team, we elected to invest the \$500 we would have paid for a hotel meeting room to repair the broken church bathrooms and held our meetings instead at the church. Worked out perfectly!

I'm so very grateful to my Beautiful International Partners in the US who regularly pray and give financially making ministry to these women possible. I really hope this report encourages and blesses you as much as I've been blessed. If you're thinking "I'd like to help..." I'd love for you to join me as a **Beautiful International Partner** by praying for and giving to Beautiful International. Your generous monthly or one time gifts keep the wheels going. There are many more opportunities to help women in Iraq and around the world, and I encourage you to get involved so we can continue on!



Bracelet craft - We made exquisite one of a kind beaded memory bracelets which were a BIG hit. I greatly appreciate John and the pastor who got in on the action helping twist the wires! All the women, and ESPECIALLY our ladies in the refugee camps loved making a special Beautiful craft they are really proud of and will look at as a symbol of God's love surrounding them.

We ended the conference with prayer and the question, shall we do this again next year? They answered with a resounding "YES!" Thank you for your partnership that made this possible and I thank the Lord for His grace on this time. The next Beautiful conferences are in the Middle East and India this fall. - Dee A. Cook, Director

Men's Ministry

Iraq - John had the privilege of spending time with the pastor and men of our partnering church, and this day of men's fellowship included a BBQ, game of soccer and a great time in the Word and prayer together. These men love the Lord and stand together through these tough times their country is facing. Please keep them in your prayers, and especially the pastor and the leadership.



REJOICE WITH US AT WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!!!

Grace Bible College Library Building Project



Capital Funding Update:

40' x 60' Two Story Library/Classroom Building

Projected Expense: \$98,000 (Furnishings not included)

Funds received: \$24,737

Amount needed: \$73,263

The Grace Bible College students are out of classes for the school year and are working on their practical ministry exercises. In fact, three of the GBC men are staying in one of our church plant buildings and going out daily on their bikes throughout several villages sharing Christ. Please pray for all the students during these months. Classes begin again the first week in July and it is important that this new building project moves ahead as quickly as possible.

This school year GBC accepted its first international student, a young man from Myanmar. We look forward to having more international students receive their training there in the coming years.

We're asking the Lord for 73 more partners who will give \$1,000 each towards this goal. Perhaps you too have a high value for making Christian education available to young people, or you want to invest in the future of the Church in India and nearby countries. This is a great opportunity for us to make a difference together in India right now.

Thank you for joining us in prayer for this exciting building project. To donate, please go to our website and in "Donate" select GBC Building Fund, or include the form on the back page with your check.

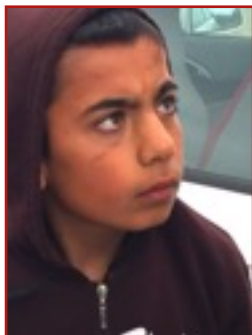
"Only the Christians care" - Yazidi Refugee

Flour and Christmas Shoeboxes Reach Refugees

See more pics on IM's Facebook pages

Iraq - Palm Sunday was cold and windy in northern Iraq. Our team drove up to an enclosed construction site where we stopped and honked. A little girl, about 10, slid open the gate, and let us in. Our ministry team had just discovered this small Yazidi refugee camp with 18 families and around 40 children. The families were huddled in makeshift houses made from scraps of a hotel construction site that halted when ISIS tore through the country in 2014. These Yazidis are from Sinjar area having fled for their lives barely escaping slaughter and kidnapping.

We came back a few days later to meet one of their immediate needs of which the greatest is food. Each family received 100 lbs of flour for which they were extremely grateful. The children received a Christmas Child Shoebox...wish you could have seen these kids opening their first Christmas presents. The story of the Good Samaritan and the Gospel was shared. We will continue to help this and other refugee camps we have worked with. There isn't room in this issue to share about the other visits; look on our website and in next month's newsletter for these blogs.



Thank you for your continued financial gifts to the Iraqi Relief Fund; we'll keep on passing it on to the refugees! You're making a big difference!
- John & Dee





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Women Talk About Their Captivity & Freedom

Iraq - John and I met with these two women who were kidnapped by ISIS in 2014. They chose to share their painful stories with us so (in their words) "that people will know what ISIS is doing and help free more women." The woman next to me was kidnapped with her husband and three children. They took her 7 month old and husband in 2014 and she hasn't seen them since. The little girls and many other small children were forced to watch beheadings and torture on laptops. Her husband is still presumably in the ISIS army and she has no job.



Miriam, 24, in red, was sold again and again, tortured and abused repeatedly. Thousands of women are still in captivity and deserve to be remembered and helped. Her village doesn't exist and she is illiterate; we're helping these women so they can have a future.

Please visit Beautiful International's Facebook page to watch the video of Nadia Murad Basee Taha, one of the women we as a ministry helped rescue from ISIS. She testified before the United Nations in December

2015 about what ISIS has done to thousands of Yazidi, Iraqi and Syrian women.

I encourage you to visit www.BeautifulInternational.org to read their personal stories.

We continue to rescue women, share Christ with them and help them restart their lives. Thank you for those who have given and prayed; please don't stop. To join us, donate generously at

www.IndigenousMinistries.org and select Beautiful International. I am also available to speak to groups. Thank you, Dee Cook

These two women and two children have gone through a year and a half of unbelievable horror, but today they are free from ISIS. Now the challenge is to help them start a new life.



India June 2017 - College age ministry trip to India to lead VBS with children. Sign up now at info@IndigenousMinistries.org.

Israel tour in 2017 - We will lead a tour group to Israel in May of 2017. Please contact our office if you are interested.

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