

Dear Family and Friends,

It is with great joy and excitement that we write you this month. Our beloved sister in the Lord from Ankara Hope Church, has led another woman to put her faith in Christ!! You may remember our friend, Selda. She has been such a faithful believer; what a jewel in His crown she is! Selda has had the privilege of being used by God in leading 3 different women to the Lord, one of which, just gave her life to Christ last week. When she called us with this news, our first thought was, truly the Apostle John was right when he said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3John 1:4) We invite you to praise God with us for this new creation in Christ! The new believer's name is Beytul. May she grow steadily in her love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the laborers wane fewer and fewer in Turkey, we long all the more to both return to the work there and for His coming to call us into the clouds. Threats of bombs, political polarity and fighting, increasing poverty from the multitude of Syrian refugees, this has become the climate of our beloved city. It is a time of sorrow for the lost world, yet a time of much hope for the believer. We find our selves praying for opposites at the same time. We pray for the Lord to come quickly, to usher in His glory and justice; yet in the same breath, we pray for His mercy and to tarry for just a little longer so that more of our family and friends can be reconciled to Him.

Please continue to pray with us towards our target date of leaving this summer in July/August. We are required to have 100% of our monthly support, as well as, our project funds for the Battered Women's Center raised. Praise God that our Lord seems to be orchestrating our lives to return and we would appreciate your continued prayers for our strength, health, and discernment as we are continually traveling throughout Montana sharing the ministry. We are faithful to present to the Body in whatever capacity God brings before us and are confident in His promise that *our God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.* (Phil 4:19) Praise God that He has already brought in over one third of the funds necessary to operate the center through the generous giving of the saints! In addition, last month, we were able to attend a very encouraging and exciting Global Outreach Conference at our home church in Bozeman, Grace Bible Church. We are grateful for our new partners in this ministry as a result of the conference and pray the Lord would continue to bring forth those in the Body whom He has chosen to partner with us both through daily prayer and generous giving.

For those of you who were able to attend our free Turkish Tea last month, we thank you for the encouragement. It was really a blessing to see so many people who are interested in what God is doing in Turkey come and for more of His people to partner with us in this great work. It seems the older we get, the faster time flies and the more we feel passionate to redeem the time for the days are evil!

It is hard to believe it is already March, and our most precious holiday fast approaches. Easter is the most confusing holiday for our Muslim friends to understand, but the most exciting to share the true meaning. It is so confused by the western culture of fluffy bunnies, brightly colored eggs, chocolate and marshmallow chicks, pastel baskets, and a giant rabbit that gives out free goodies. What does all this have to do with Christianity? Well, nothing at all, except that this is a cultural trapping that westerners bring to the celebration. There is such a joy given us as we tell them for the first time that we are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus! The timeless hymn states, "Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose; with a mighty triumph o'er His foes!" Oh to be known by God through Jesus His Son, who came to seek and to save that which was lost. This is truly the greatest gift of all times, that God would make this way for all of mankind to be reconciled with Him. We pray that your Easter will be filled with the reality of our sinless Savior's death and His Resurrection!

Because of His grace,  
Joe, Karyn, Jacob, Joshua, Angela Cavn

P.S.

Since March is "Women's Month," we thought you may be interested in reading an article that was written about our ministry. You can find it on the internet at:

<http://www.christar.org/explore/stories/church-planting/help-hope-abuse-victims-middle-east/>

Praises and Prayers:

Pray that the Lord would provide all the necessary finances for us to return to the ministry in Turkey this July/August.

Praise God for bringing in over 1/3 of our necessary finances for the Battered Women's Center! Please pray the Lord will bring in the remaining funds in order for us to return to Turkey this July/August.

Praise God for Ankara Hope Church continuing on in the faith; growing in the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise God for good health for our family and especially Angela's healing.

Pray for peace in Turkey and that the Lord would use these tumultuous times to draw souls to Himself.

Pray for growth and endurance for our 4 Turkish members that have entered into leadership training.

Pray for peace, perseverance, and endurance for the Turkish believers who are living with Muslim spouses.

Pray for Selda to have patience with her mother Elif who is now living with her due to alzheimers. May the Lord use Selda to draw Elif to Himself.

Pray for the Lord to sovereignly guide us to like-minded churches and individuals whom He has appointed to partner with us in this ministry so that we can return this July/August.

Praise God for Murat's new baby!! This is our first believing married couple to have a baby within our group. May the Lord pour out His abundant blessings on this precious family and may their son come to know Christ at a young age. Pray for the parents' strength and faith as they bring up this child in the love and admonition of the Lord.

Pray for good health, travel safety for all of us as we travel to various churches in the valley and beyond. May the Lord use us for His glory as Joe fills pulpit and we share the vision of this ministry with the Body. Pray that we would be a blessing to all we come in contact with.

Pray for God to provide for all of our physical, spiritual and financial needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us back to Turkey this July/August.

Pray for Saim to have patience to live in peace with his Muslim wife. May she be drawn to Jesus by Saim's witness.

Pray for Sultan as she learns to lead the children's ministry at Ankara Hope Church.

Pray for Ali and Sholpan, may their marriage be a reflection of Christ and His church.

Pray for Mete to be a godly husband to his wife, Nilufer. May she see Christ in Him.

Pray for Ekrem to give his life to Christ.