

NATHAN & ALICIA

MAKING THE WAY KNOWN IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Nowruz 2024

March 2024

Nowruz Mubarak! Happy Persian New Year! Every year, many people from Iran travel to neighboring countries for their spring break around and after Nowruz. We usually have a steady stream of visitors from Iran, but this turns into a flood in March. We treasure this opportunity, so we spent much of the month out on the streets starting conversations and sharing the Good News of the Gospel.

Praise the Lord that we had some great results! I did not keep track of how many Iranians we spoke to, but I know it numbered in the hundreds. I had the pleasure of leading our church in this outreach work. We had seven different Farsi speakers from church join us on different days with several coming every day. We had several Americans in the country temporarily who joined us for several days as well. Most of the time, we Americans were intriguing enough to our guests to start up a conversation which would generally steer towards Christ. I got to personally share the Gospel with several including not just Persians but also at least one from the minority group we are focusing on. Most of my witnessing was with a translator, but often I would start the conversation and then my Persian friends would have the chance to share the Gospel directly. We think that five people may have received Christ in those conversations and many more had the seed of the Word planted.

“Focus on the Field” – Bibles and Border Crossings

We gave out quite a few Bibles both physically and digitally this month. Please pray both now and in the future that people with Bibles will be able to get home with them without issue. I have heard firsthand stories of God working at inspections to prevent Bibles from being found, and we pray that this continues.



These were excited to receive Scripture!

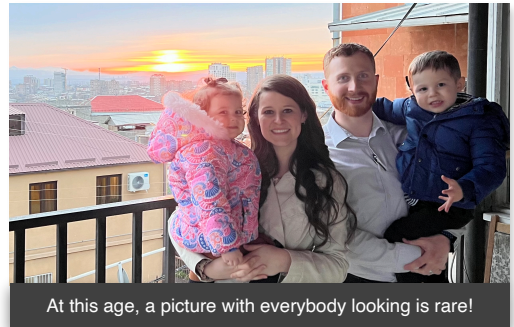
“Always Learning”

We have "Bible Time" every night as a family, and we sing songs after our Bible story. One of the songs we have taught the kids is called "He Is Lord." On Resurrection Sunday, we introduced it to our church family, and the kids helped sing it out as we taught it to our congregation.

Both kids also like to make up songs, and they're often very theologically-focused. We were walking down the street recently, and Bennett was on Nathan's shoulders belting out a song he made up. I wish people could have understood him as he sang about the holiness of God, the crucifixion, and the resurrection! We pray they will always have that boldness to share Christ!

Thanks again for your prayers and support!

Nathan L



At this age, a picture with everybody looking is rare!

"The very existence of the Bible is incontrovertible evidence of the God who refused to forsake his rebellious creation, who refused to give up, who was and is determined to redeem and restore fallen creation to his original design for it." – Dr. Charles Taber

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