

Dearest Friends,

Writing you this cold morning from Northern Iraq. First off, THANK YOU for your love, prayers and support which sustain us daily and are powerfully advancing the Kingdom in the darkness. We are seeing "cousins" (and the Yazidi here in Iraq) coming into the Kingdom on a near daily basis. This is the fruit of your prayer . . . moving God's hand. It is His time now.

This is our last call to our church and home group friends for Advent Conspiracy 2014 partners. AC is really simple -- ask people to put Jesus back in Christmas by praying for the least and spending less on gifts and giving to the poorest of the poor. We can provide pics, stories, whatever you need. AC suggests 10% less on gifts and then designating this savings for those who are suffering. But any amount helps a lot and is a big blessing to the least!

**Here are Love for the Least's AC 2014 Projects:**

\$3,500 ea for Christmas toys, clothes, school supplies and food for the orphans at Samaritan Village, Arusha, Tanzania; Tumaini (Hope) House in Arusha, Tanzania; and Bethany Village, Mkonge, Kenya.

\$5,000 to the persecuted Church where we live to support pastors, evangelists, workers and their families. Christmas is a terrible time for us. We're already receiving the "we're going to kill you flyers" and two priests were shot last Christmas.

\$5,000 to build a community shower for the refugee village of "B" here in Northern Iraq. This one is **SUPER URGENT**. Really praying for a church to take this one on! The hygiene situation there is a disaster.

\$1,500 for Christmas outreach -- blankets, food, music and Gospel presentation to Hindus in Nepal. This one is always a lot of fun and very fruitful.

Anything above and beyond will go directly to the refugees here in Northern Iraq. The situation for them is rapidly deteriorating. Showing signs of malnutrition, scurvy and hypothermia. We have found the Yazidi from the mountain top, now in hiding. 900 families with nothing. We're going to them today with blankets.

Some good news is that the US air-support is stabilising the situation -- ISIS can't just roll in like they did before and wipe us all out. We were awoken at 0300 the night before last by U.S. bombers -- they hit the Mosul Dam area where we had just been. The air support is allowing us to create some sense of stability for the people and we can now invest a bit in capacity building.

Thanks for praying about this. Please let us know if interested. We won't bug you again promise :) Hope to see you Stateside. Please pray for the people here. And we could use a prayer -- emotionally wiped, getting sick and very tired. Long days. But nothing compared to the refugees. There is no aid getting into the people where we are in the far north-- the refugees who fled from Mosul. Just a small smattering of UN tents and nothing else. No sign at all of "Big Relief Orgs" or "Persecuted Church, Inc."

Also, if you can please, please send us a group shot of your church members and we'll pass on the people here in Iraq. This is a REAL encouragement to them that they are not forgotten. They LOVE these pictures!!!! Right now they are losing hope.

Love from us,  
jerry+ and Stacy