

Hoblitz Prayer Letter

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Update on The Hoblitz Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

We continue to rejoice in God's wonderful blessings to us. He showers us with many miracles and much of it is through you dear friends. Over many years you have faithfully shown your love, prayed for us, and supported us with your financial gifts. God has enabled us to function here because of you dear friends. Truly, without God leading you to help us, our work for God would be greatly minimized.

The items you supplied to us on the container have caused many hearts to rejoice in God's goodness. Over sixty children in the refugee center were blessed by the Teddy Bears donated. They hugged them. They never get any presents like this. Also, the Sunday School teachers now have much teaching material available to them.

Through the State Agency for Religious Affairs the government scheduled a television crew to come and receive the crutches, walkers and wheelchairs that were on the container. All of Georgia could see the love and generosity of the American Christians for these items which were taken to old age centers. Dr. Lini was also delighted with the medical items designated for her outreaches. Thank you again, we are so grateful for your care and provision for us.

We have started four new churches not counting Dr. Lini's student Christian fellowships and our International Baptist Church. By God's grace this church is full every Sunday despite the pandemic. Due to the lockdowns people started listening online and word spread. Now, our tech men tell us over a thousand people in a variety of different countries faithfully listen online. Many have been converted out of Hinduism, and confusion, and Islam. Many have also obeyed The Lord and been baptized and study The Bible through our weekly discipleship programs.

The four new church plants mentioned, were started by men from our congregation who felt called of God to take the pastoral training we offer. They started the churches with just a few people but now have small but growing congregations. After training, these men were ordained by our central church. We worked together with them in the establishment of these new churches. We have purchased land for two of these church plants and a third property for a church camp. We were given land for a third church plant in a village of five thousand people. These three churches are all in Georgian communities where thousands of people live in poverty. There are few jobs available, and people eke out a meager living. When possible, they send able relatives to Europe to find jobs and send the wages back to Georgia.

Our Iranian church plant is having great blessings and much fruit from God. There are between ten and twelve thousand Iranians living in and around Tbilisi. Many of them have fled Iran under great fear and persecution. This church is also reaching refugees from other closed countries. One former Muslim from Pakistan was told by the government that they were going to kill him because he became a Christian, even though he became a



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Christian here in Georgia. Our Iranian church pastor, Reza, led him and his family to Christ. When the Pakistan government learned of his conversion, they sent a hit team from Pakistan to kill him and his family. The Refugee Center here in Tbilisi, is fenced in and the residents are protected by the Georgian government, no one is allowed to enter there except refugees. Pastor Reza and his team make weekly trips to the center to take gifts of clothes and food and other provisions to these people. They have to wait outside.

The Georgian government gives the refugees a place to sleep but that is it. Refugees are allowed to leave the center, and we can minister to them in the open field next to the center. On several occasions we rented a large bus for special meetings at our central church. Forty adults came and over sixty children. They would come weekly if we had transportation available. Years ago, we purchased a large van. It is not adequate now for our increased opportunities. We hope to purchase two used American school buses.

We are told that fifty percent of American school buses have Mercedes engines. It is necessary for us to buy buses that have these engines because Germany is closer to Georgia than the U.S. and we can get parts and find mechanics to work on them. It is not impossible to use buses that do not have Mercedes engines, but it is very difficult or almost next to impossible to get parts and find mechanics for their repairs. But God can do the impossible.

As you can see from the information, we have given you, God is doing amazing things through your prayers and gifts. We are very grateful to God and to you dear friends. We hesitate to ask for anything more since you have given so much. But God says, "Let your requests be made known unto God" and "you have not because you ask not". So, we humbly ask you to pray about specific items that are urgent here. Many in our congregation have fasted and prayed during the month of April. Each person fasted according to their desire and ability and we have extended the fasting through the month of May.

Here is the reason for the urgency in our request. Besides the aforementioned buses, we need church buildings for three of our church plants. The villages where these church plants are located contain thousands of people without Christ and without hope. There are no Gospel witnesses except our church plants. There is a verse in the Bible that tells us the people living in darkness saw a great light. Thank you for making these church plants possible. Your prayers and gifts make them possible. Requesting these things from the human side seems impossible to obtain but again we say, "With God, all things are possible." There is also that promise that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly, above all that we ask or think. All of you have given faithfully and sacrificially through the years. We pray for our supporters at all of our prayer meetings. We know that you need things also. We pray that God will supply all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus.

With great appreciation and love,

Charles and Nina

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