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Clark and Ann... building bridges!



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“... I depend on them!”

Dear Friends,

Last year, many of you prayed for “S”, one of our former “Haus Nazareth” students, who returned to his home country from Berlin to face an arranged marriage in a very complicated situation.

To recap: His family was part of a non-Christian minority religion in a deeply Muslim country. When he was still a child, before his family had turned to Christ, they had arranged a marriage for him with a girl from another minority-group family. After S's family had met the Lord, they began to share their love and faith in Jesus with others in their country.

Their faith and courage placed them in an even smaller minority group within a tiny minority.

After much prayer and much discussion between S's family and the parents of the arranged bride, they felt that the Lord was leading them to go ahead with the wedding. (It involved honor and keeping their word - you can read in the letter of the Apostle Paul about similar struggles that the early “Jesus people” faced in the pagan city of Corinth; 1. Corinthians 7:12ff.)

So they married - **God's love shone through S and his new bride grew more open to Jesus**. She became pregnant and they had a baby boy.

But shortly after the baby was born, her family insisted on having the baby dedicated to their idol-god. When the young couple would not agree, **the bride's family kidnapped the new mother and baby** and kept them as virtual prisoners for over six months! She tried to escape several times!

S suffered through court cases, humiliation, and a number of very dangerous situations before God miraculously intervened and restored their life together! **They now have a second son and the Good News of Jesus is beginning to shine in the area again!**

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatian believers: **“Don't become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest.” (Galatians 6:9)**

Let's keep trusting God for more miracles!

As Jesus' People, we don't just “believe” in miracles - God wants us to depend on them/Him!

Warmly in Christ,

Clark and Ann

PS: In our next letter, we'll try to update you on Clark's health situation.

We are hugely grateful for you and the fact that you continue to sustain us in prayer!

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