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Dear Pastor,

The first week of January I had the joy of traveling to Baghdad, Iraq with six other men from America, Lebanon and Jordan. Our purpose there was to dedicate the New Testament Baptist Mission of Baghdad. It would be impossible to describe all of the emotions involved in this kind of trip. You know what to expect to some degree when you travel to most of the world, but it was so different for me since I had never traveled to the Middle East at all. We were able to get a flight from Amman, Jordan to Baghdad. That saved us from an eleven hour drive from Amman.

I was surprised by the commerce along the city streets. I did not expect to see so many people moving around town. Cars and people were moving in every direction – all at the same time! There are many needs for everyday life in Baghdad and we should pray for these folks everyday.

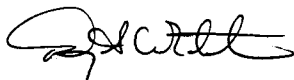
Brother Maher Fouad is the pastor of this new church. About fifty people have been meeting for the services. On the day of dedication over three-hundred Iraqi's gathered for this very special service. For the first time ever a Baptist Church is established in this country. In four days of meetings, one-hundred and thirty men and women accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Everything but our God is against this little band of believers. If ever you have earnestly prayed for anyone – please pray for the believers of Iraq.

Since returning from Iraq, we have had meetings with Highland Baptist Church in Vass, North Carolina, Gantt Street Baptist Church in Cayce, South Carolina, Victory Chapel Baptist Church in Conestee, South Carolina and Wayside Baptist Church in Hillsborough, North Carolina. We trust that the Lord will bless these good churches continually.

The Lord willing we will be in Micronesia most of March. We would appreciate you praying that the Lord will give us safety and His blessings as we travel in the Islands.

Thank you for your kindness to us. Your prayers and provision for our family and ministry is a great encouragement to us. May the Lord richly bless you.

In His Service,



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