

Good News of Great Joy!

Dear Friends,

This has been a busy time for us, as I'm sure it has been for you too during the holidays. The reason for our busyness however, was not the holidays, or Christmas shopping or preparing for family to visit. We were preparing for the arrival of baby S, born on 6 Dec 2021. Woohoo!

Having a newborn in the house, this close to Christmas, really sheds new light on how "far" God came to save us. The Almighty God in a helpless baby... it is unbelievable. It truly is "GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY" Lk 2:10. This joy however is a much deeper joy than just happy thoughts.

Since I've been thinking about baby S's future and all the things he will discover and learn in his life, I (John) was struck while listening to the narrative being read from the first two chapters of Luke. Jesus, as He laid in the manger, came from perfect joy and happiness with His Father, that He left to come here to die and pay the price that our poor sinners could never pay.

How deep is the Father's love for us to send His Son, and the Son's love for us to come willingly! This is Good News that deserves to be shared and we are so grateful to all of our supporters that allows us to be here to share it!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

We want to thank you all for the many prayers, for Anna and for baby S, during these last 6 months. We are so thankful for a healthy son and that Anna is recovering well. We are so excited about this little guy being added to our family and so grateful!

Another Birth...

The last five years or so workers from our team and others have been sharing, discipling and connecting a handful of believers from the A people group in our beloved country. This particular Berber people group has previously been unreached and unengaged, which means there were no known Christians and no one was sharing with them, but Christ has been slowly building His Body among them.

In the last month, most of the known believers met together, which is already a BIG deal for areas with severe persecution, but what is even more special is that they initiated it themselves, and their reason for meeting was for fellowship, but also to think about worship in their own language.

This is such a big step and what we are really praying for. We don't just want new

believers, we want those that are following Jesus to start taking responsibility for the Body of Christ among their own people group and this is starting to happen!!!

PLEASE PRAY for continued fellowship. PRAY for leaders of this Body to be strong and courageous and for their encouragement. PRAY that persecution would not slow them down or discourage them.