

The Road to FREEDOM

New Life For Afghans

World events never take God by surprise. Even in the midst of suffering and evil, the Lord of All acts with compassion and redemption. In this issue, we share some of the ways the Holy Spirit is touching Afghan* refugee lives and the opportunities that are unfolding. As you offer thanksgiving, may faith rise in your heart to believe God with us for even more honor to come to Jesus.

My family is still stuck across the border,” Noor said, his voice quivering with emotion. “I am afraid for them - afraid what will happen to them if they cannot join me here. I was told by others here that Allah answers your prayers because you pray in the name of *Isa al Masih* (Jesus the Messiah). Will you pray for my family?”

Like many other Afghans, Noor has come across the border with hopes of finding a way for his family to join him. Noor and many others like him have no faith that the Taliban will bring peace and prosperity to their motherland through a strict adherence to Islamic law. They do not want to stop being Afghans--which is to be Muslim in their understanding--but they are desperate for justice, peace -- and hope.

**Afghanistan is made up of many different unreached people groups, the largest being the Pashtun, Tajik, Uzbek, Hazara and Turkmen. We are using the word “Afghan” to mean those born in the country of Afghanistan, not to a specific group.*



Rustam and Aziz, Global Teams field partners, traveled to the border to join other local believers in ministering to those coming across the border like Noor. Their days are filled with passing out food, blankets and medicine. Occasionally they play a game of soccer with some of the men. Their evenings are filled with tea, conversations and prayer. Because of Global Teams partners' generosity they have been able to help distribute food and supplies to more than 500 families.

These acts of kindness have led to open conversations that might have been unthinkable in Afghanistan. Having endured persecution themselves as Muslim background believers, Rustam and Aziz boldly engage in spiritual conversations with the refugees. They report, "We've heard how hard it is to share Christ with Afghans, but here there are so many open hearts. Now is God's time for salvation for these people. We need more workers!"

Muslims are seeking out believers for prayer.

In these early stages of ministry God is already bringing the first fruits: three families committed to following Jesus are gathering to study God's Word in the evenings. A Hazara family was so transformed by their encounter with Jesus that they immediately asked to be baptized! Testimonies of God's answers to Jesus followers' prayers are spreading through the refugee community so that needy Muslims like Noor are seeking out believers to ask for prayer.

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One of our border farms

Afghans coming to the U.S.A.



Global Teams has chosen to focus its efforts on ministering to Afghan refugees remaining in the region. However, thousands of Afghan refugees are in the USA and more are coming, especially with recent policy changes. This is a strategic opportunity to reach out with Christ's love to those who have been cut off from hearing the Gospel.

Here is a list of Christian and secular resources prepared by a believer that you may find helpful in seeking to serve Afghans: <https://www.loveafghans.com/serve-afghans>

The tribe was ecstatic, and Jesus got famous!

The receiving nation along this border is actively blocking refugees from crossing. Initially it was feared that the Taliban would move quickly to shut all borders, but in reality most of the organized resistance has come from the potential receiving nations. Refugees who don't have the money to buy their way out move across the border at night. Our GT leader has gathered Afghan refugees into large farm plots, housing them in tents and helping them start gardens to feed themselves.

So far, we've settled 162 families in one location and 48 families at a second location. In both settlements, there are a few Afghan believers – leavening the community with the Good News of Jesus and complementing GT's team efforts!



On a different border, God's dramatic answer to prayer was a testimony to a whole tribe.

Taliban raiders came across that border and kidnapped seven young girls. A tribal elder, a believing woman, came to our GT leader and asked if he could intervene and try to rescue them through his tribal connections. Our leader said that it would be a miracle to get them back. Knowing that time was of the essence, we put out an urgent prayer request. And God intervened with the release of all seven girls. The tribe was ecstatic and Jesus got famous!



Rapid Response

God's people responded rapidly and generously to the needs of Afghans. Because GT places a priority on proximate sending from non-Western nations, we have trained national field partners in three out of five bordering nations and contacts in the remaining two. Your generosity and our positioning allowed us to make an immediate impact.

The physical -- and spiritual -- needs among Afghan refugees continue to grow. As you read this, we are trying to transport 1,000 Dari language New Testaments and more warm clothing into border communities. We welcome your continued partnership!

Give here: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/afghancrisisrelief>



Dreaming BIG!

“Expect great things From God.
Attempt great things For God.”

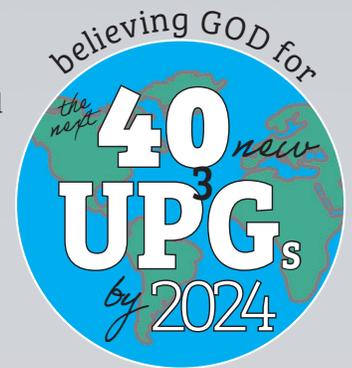
--William Carey, pioneer missionary to India

In mid-October, Global Teams International leaders met in Minnesota to seek God and review the year. During prayer and worship, the Holy Spirit impressed on us that He wanted us ready to “pivot” in response to new opportunities.

As the meeting progressed, God led us to examine our foundations and recommit to our mission with greater intentionality. As we dedicated ourselves, the Holy Spirit birthed something big in our hearts: a goal – a dream – far bigger than ourselves; an aim so big that unless God works in and through us it will be impossible.

Trusting God fully through Jesus Christ, and learning to trust Him more and more, we commit to engage 40 new unreached places, populations and people groups by 2024.

In the months ahead this “big, hairy, audacious goal” (or B-HAG) will dominate our efforts and communication with you. Will you join us in expecting great things from God and attempting great things for Him? *Stay tuned!*



Who's on your Christmas list?

What do you give the person who has everything?

In December, we will let you know about an opportunity to give a special gift to increase the honor of the One who has all, because He gave all.

May we ask you to include Global Teams on your Christmas gift list?



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ready set go

Dec 4th 9:30am EST on Zoom

Gain insight into God's work in the world and explore opportunities where you might fit!

Meet with our leaders from Central Asia, Central Florida and Northern Uganda who are working with refugees to learn about opportunities to serve with GT. To sign up, email contactGT@global-teams.org

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