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BUILDING BRIDGES

Twenty-nine years ago, I entered the United States Marine Corps with a military occupational specialty of 1371, or more aptly named, a Combat Engineer. One of the many responsibilities in this specialty was the construction of temporary military bridges that are usually constructed in haste by military engineers, frequently under enemy fire.

After being discharged from the Marines in 1996, I find myself 21 years later, ironically doing a similar thing only in a slightly different context – **building bridges of relationship with Muslims that will support the truth of God's word.**

As a properly constructed bridge safely allows a heavy load to traverse an often-dangerous obstacle, sincere relationships with unreached Muslims in the bondage of Islam act as a powerful load-bearing superstructure. **These relationships, eventually allowing the powerful truth of God's Word to cross our cultural differences, can create a powerful impact for the Kingdom of God.**

Traveling to the Middle East in November to strengthen established relationships and also build new, *pray purposefully that effectual doors of ministry will be opened for us and that we may be bold in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the Muslim people.*

Our dreams and tasks for this ministry may sometimes seem overwhelming, but when we intentionally bring our thoughts, plans and actions before God, He will bless and multiply their effects for the sake of His kingdom.

Teresa and I also want to thank Abundant Life Ministries and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the wonderful time of fellowship and for allowing us an opportunity to share about the ministry God has put on our hearts.

Thank you for your financial gifts and faithful support of Project 142 to enable our work to reach the Muslim people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Without your faithfulness, this work would not be possible.

All our best,



Patrick and Teresa Houghteling