

# September 2023 Update

# Frontier missions.

Someone has to go and break the ice, plow the ground, so to speak.



In the back of my mind, I can hear Capt. James T. Kirk:

"Space, the final frontier..."

It's fitting for what we're talking about: frontier missions – seeking out unreached peoples to share

the gospel in places where the witness of Jesus Christ simply doesn't exist.

Thankful to be back from a 116° F region of the Arabian Desert, we now find ourselves steeped in the mission planning process for another trip further north into a Levantine region of the Middle East. Attempting to recover from over 12 years of civil war, this region has a great need for ministry (both physical and spiritual), as several hundred thousand have been killed and over 5.4 million displaced by conflict and violence.









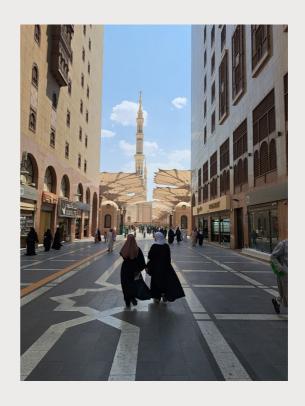
With goals of evangelism among Muslims, providing discipleship material to hidden believers within the Islamic majority, and just plain seeing how we can help, access into regions like these is difficult, often requiring entry into an adjoining country and crossing over by land with the assistance of a local guide.

# Some were called, some were sent; as for me, I just got up and went. - Anonymous

There are two foundational beliefs that motivate us to carry out these frontier missions.

- First, we take hold of the words of the Great Commission, in which Jesus called the Church to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to this call is the first reason we do what we do.
- Second, we're motivated by compassion for unreached peoples to hear and receive the Good News because we believe life is abundant and eternal for followers of Jesus.

There are many important causes in missions today, with majority of ministries the operating in regions where Church the is already established. While we celebrate the work of our brothers and sisters in these areas, we remain committed to our individual calling to see the Good News of Jesus reach places where the Church does not yet exist, places that



are hostile and resistant to the gospel.

Airfare and other expenditures average \$3000.00 for a mission such as this, and without the precious prayer and financial support from you, our partners and supporters, we could not carry out this directive to go into all the world.

If you are not yet a partner, please prayerfully consider becoming one, as your gift will help Fully Known Ministries advance its mission.



All our best,

# **Patrick and Teresa Houghteling**



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