

# Outreaches to the Middle East—Egypt and Iraq

Photos by Geraldine Wilkins



Middle Eastern believers worship Christ despite potential persecution, loss of jobs, and being disowned by families.



The congregation joyfully sang songs of praise and worship during the visit of short-term CC missionaries. Many in the church cried when the group left.

Missionaries recently returned safely from two outreaches in the Middle East. One group ministered to a church in Egypt. Believers from Muslim cultures deal with persecution as well as being disowned by family and losing their jobs. *CC Magazine* photojournalist Geraldine Wilkins reported, “Our team was at the church every night several hours ministering through the Word, prayer, and one-on-one fellowship—the bond of Christ—there is nothing like it. As our time [in Egypt] draws to a close, many ... have already begun to cry. Please pray that our presence will not cause added persecution.”

The next week another group of CC pastors and leaders journeyed to northern Iraq.

They modeled for Iraqi church leaders how to teach through the Bible verse by verse. Many Iraqis have come to faith in Jesus Christ through visions and dreams—believers for only a short period of time.

Geraldine reported from Iraq, “Our brothers and sisters greeted us warmly and are excited about the Bible conference. A pastor from Baghdad said, ‘Please be free with us; let the Holy Spirit do His work. We are so thirsty.’ Many leaders have been killed or have left the country for safety reasons. The pastors desire to have a church in every region of the country. They are praying that God would raise up the next generation of pastors and leaders through this conference.”

*Don't miss the next issue, as the details of these two outreaches are documented.*

## Calvary Chapel Magazine Approaches 10 Years of Publication

The next issue of *Calvary Chapel Magazine* marks the completion of 10 years of publication. We ask you to pray about coming alongside of this ministry as we report of the miraculous works going on in the Calvary family in the name of our Savior.

The magazine is a tool to encourage believers to serve where the Lord is calling them,

whether around the world or across the street. As Jesus taught, the fields are white for harvest, but the laborers are few.

Over the past several months, many churches have canceled or reduced their bulk orders because of the economy. The majority of this publishing ministry's operating costs come from the bulk orders from

each church. Just as Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands during the battle with the Amalekites, we ask you to reflect on this ministry in the same light.

Consider helping fund your church's bulk order. See our website for details. Most importantly, we ask for your prayers.

[www.calvarymagazine.org](http://www.calvarymagazine.org)