

Many Coming to Christ !



Dear Friends,
I am happy to report back from our mission trips. Looking forward to seeing many of you in Alabama and Tennessee and Mississippi soon. Hoping for more opportunities to speak. Blessings,

Bayram

This is the logo for the BCC. The letters stand for Kutsal Kitap, which means Holy Book - the Bible.

Eight of us went all the way to the far east and northeastern side of Turkey - Kars, Ardahan, and Artvin. We spent eight days (19-28 July). We flew there at first but then we always used local public transportations to go to surrounding villages to witness to people. We had many long and good conversations with people. We stayed in some really inexpensive hotels like 20TL (\$6) per person for a room of four. We distributed a lot of tracts. And finally we flew back to Istanbul from Trabzon. It was really tiring but we had a lot of good experiences. This was the farthest east I have ever been. We have also met couple of Turkish hitch-hikers on the road. One of them was from Istanbul. After we and he turned back to Istanbul, he came to visit our church on one Sunday. I'm still in touch with him.



Going to the west of Turkey. Many local ladies invited especially the girls to their homes and hosted them and listened to them. We prayed a lot.



We attended a festival in Çıldır, a lakeside town of Ardahan province. Many people come from neighboring countries such as Georgia and Iran to this folkloric music and dance festival.



We have met a local leader of a village during a visit to northern Turkey at the Black Sea region. His heart was very open to the Gospel and few weeks ago, I invited him to a three-day conference in Istanbul. He came and joined and accepted Christ there!

At the [Bible Correspondence Course](#), we decided to go visit few college students who contacted us to learn more about Christ. Ayhan and I from BCC and Cüneyt who is a friend from Lifeguard Church got

into my car left Istanbul around 7:00 am. and drove to Zonguldak which is more than five miles away. We spent all day there sharing the Gospel and the love of God. The college students were very open. Fatih, who first got in touch with us, said to me he and his 12 friends have been denying Islam but they didn't want to be atheist either. We spent three hours in their house and had dinner together. We shared and laid hands on them one by one and prayed over them. It was a wonderful night! When I get back home it was after 3:00 a.m. When you see these kind of young guys seeking the truth you don't feel tired.



MUSIC TOUR (21-30 August 2017)

The music group called "No Longer" was established by American Pastor David Pierce about 30 years ago. David has been a missionary in Holland for many decades. His music group and the 20-minute drama they perform on the street is one of the most effective and efficient tools for outreach that I have ever seen. I joined them to translate as they performed the theater about the battle between evil and good. We visited five cities. We spent four days in Izmir (Smyrna), the third biggest city in Turkey. Of course, we encountered insults, threats, yelling, confrontation, and sometimes police interruption.

Since there is still martial law effective in Turkey, the police can stop you and even arrest you without giving any reasons. So, we had to be extra cautious. I was usually the one talking to the police and opposing person because I was the only Turkish guy in the group. In few places, police didn't let us do the second performance. Even through all these obstacles, we had tremendous responses, especially from young people. **Almost half of the people who attended filled out cards so we can follow up!**

Six guys in Tekirdağ (northwestern city) accepted Christ on the spot after we spent some times together and share the gospel and prayed over them. One other guy who is a piano teacher in Izmir that we remained in touch accepted Christ over the phone few days later. He will soon move to Italy to get more music education and wants to meet more believers there.



Urgent - prayers needed for Andrew

Pastor Andrew Brunson was arrested in Izmir on false charges last October. He is now charged with three more crimes and moved to a maximum security prison. These charges carry a life sentence if he is convicted. Pray for his release. He stated before the court: "I am a defender of Jesus Christ. I am a religious man who builds a church and does it in the knowledge of the state."



American Andrew Brunson served as a pastor for 23 years in Turkey.

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I met Hakan Taştan, a longtime (more than 20 years) disciple of Christ in Turkey, on the 4th. of September. He recently opened a big church called "Life Guard Church." He wants me to join in his team in the church. He



Haken Tastan recently opened a new

has been also doing programs for Kanal Hayat TV (Channel Life TV). He wants to do programs with me too on apologetics.

God constantly opens new doors for me, new ways to serve Him. There are so much more to say and share. God is wonderful and deserves all the praises and thanks in the world.

church. Below is a new believer accepting Christ.



Many blessings!