CREATIVE-ACCESS MINISTRY—
A CLOSER LOOK

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The refugees have been subject to checkpoints and random arrests. "One of our refugee colleagues was robbed on his way home and his entire salary taken—with no support from the local authorities." Mike says. In addition, cell phones have been confiscated even though there is no law against refugees owning mobile phones. All cell service in and around the refugee camps has been suspended. This has affected Mike and Jen, who also don’t have cell service now. "I think the government is trying to make it uncomfortable for the refugees so they will want to return to where they came from," Mike says.

“Our hearts break for our refugee friends as we witness such stark and heavy oppression," Jen adds. “Much of the hatred against them is based on untruths spread about them through social media and the news.”

Please pray for Mike and Jen as they face a variety of challenges and situations that can become tense and dangerous. Intercede for them as they learn the language and continue to build relationships and have friendships with people both in the camps and those from Mike and Jen’s host country. Ask God to use this couple to bring many lost and hurting people into His heavenly Kingdom.

Also, pray that the government will loosen its restrictions on the refugees and grant them opportunity to receive an education and obtain employment. Specifically, pray that the United Nations and the international community can be a catalyst for a long-term solution to a complicated situation.

Intercede too for Alliance workers in other creative-access countries as they minister in similar circumstances. Ask for God’s protection, encouragement, wisdom, and discernment. Pray that He will empower these dedicated servants to shine His light in some of the darkest corners of our world where there has been little or no access to the gospel.

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Please intercede for three Alliance churches in northern Syria that are located near the recent Turkish invasion; two of these congregations are less than 20 miles from the border. At this writing, one church has evacuated, another is staying, and the third is waiting to see if the invasion moves farther south. The evacuated church of 40 families took up temporary housing in a monastery that has been graciously provided to them for the short term.

Ask for wisdom for the pastors of these churches and for the Syrian Alliance president, Edward Awebdeh. Pray also for other churches in the area and the 100,000 Arab and Kurdish Christians in northern Syria who face voluntary or forced displacement as a result of aggressive foreign occupation.

“I deeply appreciate your heart and prayers—it’s a tough situation,” Edward writes. “We need your prayers because we need the hand of our Lord to intervene in the situation. We live in a deeply turbulent part of the world. We have learned very well that our peace comes only from above—we trust the sovereignty and goodness of our Lord.” May God give the Syrian church supernatural strength and courage in the midst of these dire circumstances.

Thank you for praying for Alliance workers and for the people with whom they share the gospel.

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