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Dear Pastor and friends,

### **Christmas highlights:**

The fall is always a great push for us and this year seems to have extra momentum – I believe it is due to adding pastoral staff which gives us greater depth. Christmas Eve was such an encouragement because it was standing room only and overflow seating. Having 300+ in attendance in an auditorium designed for 200 is a challenge and a great cause for joy.

Additionally, many new faces were in attendance, plus people that we have longed to see again. So far into January we have had additional people join in membership. New home studies begin the beginning of February and we have added a new couple as hosts and teacher.

### **Audio Teaching**

I have started a new task, inspired by the Apostle Paul's teaching in Ephesus. He was used to create the first church planting movement, and teaching daily was a core part of his time invested in their lives. The churches in Asia Minor sprang up from students like Epaphras, whom Paul led to Jesus and taught.

Ministering to first-generation believers, one of the challenges is to get them deep into the Word. I have begun a new task that individuals can use even when we are not meeting together. Daily I record a 10-minute expository overview of a chapter in the New Testament. 260 recordings and an audio commentary is available again and again. So far, response from our workers has been excitement.

### **Baptism and Gratitude**

In January we baptized two ex-Muslims, just days after the terror in Paris, so I took great joy to see the work of Jesus and grace in their lives. Both are from Teheran seeking a better future – off to a great start.

Many have been so generous and encouraged us in such a deep way – we are so thankful, even though words do seem not to express all we feel towards our wonderful partners.

Yours, in His service,

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