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Dear friends of the Turkish people:

While I am having the leisure and quiet of a vacation I wish to write you somewhat fully on behalf of our needs in Marash. In doing this I am representing us all, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, and myself. As you know there have been some years of patient waiting in Marash, years in which Our Lord seems to have been preparing us, His workers, really to be fit to do His task. We needed to wait for the anointing of His Spirit. Once we were ready it seemed to us thru faith that "the Darkness was passing away and the true Light already shining."

You know that eight years ago at a command from government we were left without institutions in Marash. For a number of years our eyes were always on the reopening of those but it seems not to have been God's will. There was a more immediate service of which our Marash people were in need. Spiritually they are a people in utter darkness. We just shudder and groan in spirit when we pause to think about it. Can we help them out of that darkness into the Light?

We are ready, ready to wait upon the Lord for this thing but, dear friends, we cannot do it alone. The task is too heavy for us, we need your help. We need to have you join us in our "upper room", the room which the stress of circumstances compelled us to prepare at the Lyman house. Some days we have had to be there all the day, in meditation, in praise, in intercession, so fierce were the attacks of the Powers of Darkness. The following are lists of our present urgent needs. May you either individually or in groups pray for selected ones from the list or for all as the Spirit leads you. To penetrate Moslem Marash with the message of peace and good-will is a hard task and we need abundant help. May God teach us all how to pray!

Prayer List A.

1. Ahmet Hoja -- an elderly man who has been a secular teacher and one in the Quran school. He was baptized many years ago by Dr. McCallum, became rather a back-slider thru the years, and now is "alive" again. He made public confession of his faith before the police two months ago. His wife and children are the bitter opponents of his new life. Pray for him that he may obtain the boldness of Peter. Pray for his persecuting wife and children.
2. Davut and his wife, Esme -- he was a baker and became a partner of a Christian Armenian. The latter read to him from the Gospels, he became interested and read for himself, attended some of the services of the Christian congregation. Later he became one of the workers for the German mission. When questioned by the police he and his wife boldly confessed it their purpose to follow Jesus. Pray that Davut's impetuous nature may be kept steady, that he may daily grow in the grace of his Master.
3. Hassan and Emine -- Hassan out of curiosity stole a copy of the New Testament from a Christian house - took it with him when he went into soldier training. As he read he had the conviction that it was the truth. On his return he continued to read the Scripture for himself, attended Christian worship. His wife, Emine, mocked at him for doing so. When he was called to the police he made up his mind to deny his Master but he could not. His witness was clear



and simple as that of a child. His wife, who had never admitted being in the Way, confessed also, returned home with shining countenance. They are being heavily persecuted by relatives.

4. Emine aged 22 - - the cook for the German ladies. She has been a quiet Christian for a number of years. When the whirlwind of persecution struck she gave a quiet, dignified testimony. Her mother and brothers were enraged almost to the point of madness. For some time they kept her a prisoner in their house. Pray for Emine's family.

5. Sherife - a young woman meek and shy whose husband is in prison. She has as yet not had much direct instruction in Jesus' way of life but in spite of the shouting and violent language of the head of police she never wavered but made the good confession. They tell her her husband will kill her when he is released. Pray for them both.

6. Raziye aged 20 - originally an uncouth, ignorant village girl, now a self-contained, literate follower of her Lord. The police are compelling her to live with her married sister in the small, windowless, one-roomed hut which is her dwelling. The sister tries to make Raziye's life miserable. The brother-in-law, Edjder, is one who has been in Mrs. Lyman's reading class. Since then the look on his face is changed. We think he may be not far from the Way. Pray for this family. Pray that Raziye may be the means of light for that darkened hut.

7. Noah - the brother of Davut - one who had been wild and evil. Now he is upright and clear-eyed. When he overheard the vile language which the police addressed to the girls who were being questioned he rather warmly protested. The result was blows and imprisonment. The Testament he was reading in prison was taken from him. Later when he was found reading a copy of the Psalms his sentence was extended. He has the fire and impetuosity of youth. Pray that he may learn the patience and grace of his Lord.

8. Anish aged 18 - One with a sad history. Her widowed mother to gain some advantage for herself gave her over to illegal marriages. She was finally given a chance to work at Bethel where the German ladies live. She did her work with a thankful heart, became a dear follower of Jesus. After being questioned by the police she was made a prisoner in a Turkish house and subjected to all manner of pressure for days to the end that she might recant. The last I knew she was being married against her will to a Moslem youth. She needs faithful prayer.

9. Lutfia - the one who could not make the confession when questioned by the police. She is a young matron, mother of two children, whose husband is away in soldier training. Living with an unsympathetic mother-in-law may have caused her to lack courage. We know she has not the joy of the others. She needs intercession of the tenderest kind.

10. Nadjiye and Fatile - niece and aunt about 18 years old, both of them "fresh infidels" as their neighbors call them. They are of the more cultured class and had finished the primary school. Great was the consternation at police head quarters when they quietly confessed to belief in Jesus' way of life. The father and brother is a fanatic Moslem but was in prison at the time. The mother in the household is very near to being in the Way herself. The unofficial persecution which these girls endured was almost enough to wear anyone down. Pray for the whole family.



11. Mehmet Hulusi - ex-prodical son. When still young he inherited considerable property from his deceased parents. After finishing the middle school he spent his time idling at this and that and at roving about spending his means. One day while acting as chauffeur for a friend he took Mr. and Mrs. Lyman and Mr. Wiley to a village somewhat distant from Marash. When he found out who his passengers were he was not at all pleased. However that day's expedition was used of our Master to make a different Mehmet. He was astonished at the conduct of his passengers and decided he would call at their houses to learn more about them. The time came when he asked Mr. Wiley to help him in understanding the Bible. Eventually he was baptized on profession of faith. Pray that this young Turkish gentleman may have his lips touched with a coal from the altar so that he may be the means of bringing many like him.

12. Ali - - a young silver-smith of good family. He would come to study the Gospels, would seem to be entering into the Light, and then there would be periods of lapsing. This last winter he came again quite regularly to the Tuesday evening gathering at the Lyman house. He seemed to be getting much farther along. In the early spring he moved to Aintab. He came back for a visit just as the new believers were being hunted out by the police. Some one informed on him. He went to Mrs. Lyman and asked what he should do. She replied that they would together kneel in prayer. From that he went to the police. When next she saw him there was joy in his eyes. He also had witnessed to a power that was from above. Pray that he may remain steadfast.

13. Nihat Bey is the man who runs the rice factory. As a young man he lived for some years in Germany. Living with him and his family are his sister and her son and daughters. Nihat Bey and all his household are among those who are bitterest in opposition to us and to all of these young Turks who from their conscience are following the Master of men. Help us in our wrestling with the Angel of the Lord for his family.

14. Little Muteber is the blind child whom some of you know. An orphan without sister or brother the little waif came to us when she was two and a half years old. She is now six. In attainment she is easily two years in advance of the children of her neighborhood who can see. Her very intelligence makes her attractive but aside from that is her clean little soul. At the time of the police raids Muteber in a cruel manner was taken away from me and given to a distant relative. The woman is kind but has hardly enough to feed her own. I commend the child daily to her Heavenly Father. Do you help in prayer for this little girl.

Prayer List B.

1. As a result of the publicity attending the persecutions certain ones have become inquirers and are now attending a special class which meets twice a week. These are Faisel, an architect from Smyrna, Abd-ullah, the barber, and Abd-ul-hadi, the tailor with his brother, Hayr-ullah and his nephew, Ahmet. Faisel and Abd-ul-hadi are married and they started at once to read from the Gospels to their wives. All of these need special prayer that the Holy Spirit may convict them.

2. There are a number of boys from the Middle School who are seriously interested. Two are Ahmet and Mahmat from Albustan. Also the boy, Fuik, from the same village is reading the Bible. There are the two school boys, Veli and Mustafa, who have several times entered into earnest conversations about our way of life. There are the three boys from the Albanian refugees, Shahin, Shakir, and Vel-ettin. They are reading the Scriptures. Shahin seems very near to following the Way.



There are the boys from our neighborhood, some of whom were being taught by Mrs. Lyman and by an Armenian woman to read and write Turkish. Of these Edjder and Ismaiel seemed most affected. The others are Ali, Hassan, Sabru, Yashar, Yahiya, Ahmèt, and little Ali. All need our earnest prayers. Let us pray regularly for them!

3. There are the men who came to our Armenian buyer in the market and asked what this matter of making Americans out of young Turks was about. He explained that they were still loyal Turks and not American or German at all but that it was a matter of a change in personal life, a cleansing. These were prominent men in the market. When they found out it was nothing against the government they said they also would know about the new life.

4. Pray for the Kurds of the Pazarjuk plain, for those of Kurk-kusrak, for the Circassians of Fundak, for the Lazgi of Geben. They are ready in numbers to accept Christianity if only they could find a way. We cannot go to them. Our governor has telephoned to every village to put us into prison the moment we are seen there. Pray for the governor of Marash and for the head of police.

Pray for the many Armenian women in Moslem houses. May even they be a means of light! One of these is Gullu whose husband is the baker, Mustafa. She often comes for prayer and Mustafa is reading one of the Gospels.

5. Pray for Mr. Lyman's preaching in the mosques. There are now five which he enters with ease. Pray for the priests of these mosques and especially for the one, Mehmet, who seems so open to the truth. There is also the young man, Hadji, found in one of the mosque groups. He listens so earnestly to what Mr. Lyman says.

One of these priests now teaches in the village of Unsen. His name is Salmon Hoja. The fear of what his large family would say keeps him from being one on the Way. The village where he teaches is a large one. There is a very great shortage of water which accounts for the people's being so dirty. A half mile of piping would supply them with an abundance of water. Such water might be a step toward leading them to the Living Water.

Yours sincerely,

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