



At Risk Women Update

Hello everyone,

Just a quick update on the At Risk Women program in North Cyprus. Even though we are traveling in the US at this time we continue to get regular updates about the girls. Mike and Laura and their two kids have been tremendous about spending time with them and taking them on outings in our absence. Banafsheh, our Persian co-worker, has been taking care of their emotional and financial needs. Mayra, our Mexican co-worker, has been keeping a tight ship keeping the girls on task with their cleaning schedules.

This is exam season for them so I know they would greatly appreciate your prayers. Three of the girls will be graduating this summer and are seeking God's grace and wisdom for their next steps. One of them Sima, who was the first Afghan girl to join us, is graduating with her journalism degree. She was recently selected to represent her country in a UN sponsored conference in Vienna. She was also accepted at an Italian University. Pray they she can get the necessary visas. Shukria finished her dentistry degree and is waiting on a Canadian visa. Soheila concluded her Master's in IT and is working to figure out her next steps. They all covet your prayers.

Separately, Fadia, who is now back in Iraq, received her visa to travel to Holland. Another one of the Yezidi girls Farha, is still in Iraq trying to figure out her next steps. She has made profession of faith but is really struggling and needs our prayers. From time to time we hear from our girls who have moved on and we're encouraged to see God's ongoing work in their lives.

This coming fall we are looking to accept three new ladies from Iran. This is a difficult time for our Persian friends and many are worried for their future. We are grateful that we can extend a welcoming hand to some so that they can pursue their education in North Cyprus. Pray that we will continue to secure visas and scholarships for them. Pray also for many of them that will surely be looking for employment over the summer months. Most of all we pray that they will each grow closer to the Lord and learn to rely on him for everything.

Blessings, Jerry and Sarah

