



## Missions Update

I hope you remember this guy from my trip to the UAE last September. You will remember that he is the only believer in his family and that his wife and sister-in-law were not welcoming of Jesus. They listened, though, as Chase Bowers and I talked about Jesus while we were there. They shared their food and home with us. We all prayed together over the ongoing civil war in their home country.

His story is still continuing! He and his family no longer live in the UAE. They have faced several hardships along their way. But I did get an email from our Missionary in the UAE that is encouraging.

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*"I received word today that [his wife] and [sister-in-law] have expressed sincere interest in following the Lord. I don't know the details but will pass them along when I find out. Please continue to*



*pray for them and [husband]. They are currently in the [middle-east] in transit to [west]. Not sure of all the details there either, but they were not in a safe place recently. They are still looking to study in the Northeast (America) at some point."*

Our UPG Initiative took us to the Emirate people in the United Arab Emirates last year. This man is not Emirati, but he does come from a muslim people which is what drew us to the UAE in the first place. Be in particular prayer for our brother in Christ from the middle-east, that he would be strong in his faith that his wife and sister-in-law would trust Jesus.

Continue to pray for T in the UAE as he ministers the gospel to the Emirati people and so many others.

Don't forget our prayer from Missions Sunday several weeks ago:

*"We pray that words may be given to 'T' and his wife 'N' in opening their mouths boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel that they may declare boldly, as they ought to speak."*

*"We pray that an Emirati individual or family will repent and find forgiveness of sins in the name of Jesus."*

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## Verse of the Month:

### ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER WITH THESE WORDS

“15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.”

Colossians 1:15-23

## Senior Recognition



Daryl Brauckman is a graduate of McNeil High School. He plans on attending Texas State Technical College this fall. He has been active in our group for 6 years and is thankful for being taught about Jesus and for being loved by the students at Milwood. In his words, “[Milwood] has been a place I could call home.”

Ryan Hurley graduated from home school and plans on taking a year off to work and think about the future. Ryan has been a part of our student ministry for 6 years and is thankful for Milwood being a place that taught him the Word of God through Awana and other ministries.



## Celebrating 20 Years in Awana



This May, Tom Nelson celebrated 20 years serving Milwood as the Awana Commander. God bless Tom and Amy for their tireless work and ministry to the children of Milwood!