

North of Nineveh 2021

The Basics

What: We are taking a virtual missions trip to North of Nineveh, the Kurdistan Region of N. Iraq.

Who: Don and Betty Orr and Pastor Holly will be hosting. We may also meet some of their team.

When: March 22-26, 2021
2 Sessions/day (6:30-8:00am and 6:30-8:30pm)

Where: If able, we will be meeting at CAC in the Coffee Connection. If not, we will send out a Zoom meeting link and necessary details.

Cost: see details further down.

Why: We are engaged in incredible Kingdom partnerships and projects all over the world. The work has not stopped even in the midst of the pandemic. We may not be able to travel, but we can see, hear, and experience life and ministry through these senses through technology. We can be educating ourselves and taking opportunities to interact with our partners. We will be able to, at the least, pray more intelligently and maybe, just maybe God might show up to us in ways we would not expect, but need.

What Can I Expect?

Our format is based on a measure of ability to meet together. If not possible, we will look to host everything through online platforms. The elements of the North of Nineveh VMT will include:

- Hosts (Orrs and Holly) leadership/interaction at each session.
- Daily team devotions and prayer.
- Daily thought and missional engagement focus.
- Daily focus on one of five area people groups in NIQ.
- Video segments to engage you in conversations/images relevant to a people group, cultural nuances, and experiences, and for other educational purposes.
- Evening fellowship with guided discussions.
- Q&A time with workers on the field.
- Local team service opportunity.

Service Project

We are looking at local opportunities within our parish that parallel those our team in Iraq engages in. We have 3 possible options for service. They include opportunities to provide food and conversation, visitation/ministry to parish kids and needed practical help. At this point our local service opportunity is contingent on VMT participation numbers and COVID-19 restrictions. We are in contact with these options and will see which will work best. It could be that we can make all three work.

Funding

The dollars given to participate in North of Nineveh Virtual Missions Trip (VMT) will be going towards ministry. The majority, if not all will be put into the 'Loving Iraq' fund which helps our C&MA team provide short term relief while focusing on development opportunities among the people groups in their area (Yazidi, Kurds, Arabs, and other ethnic minority groups).

These development opportunities are not only helping to mitigate need, they also are working towards the creation of sustainable plans for the future and serve as points of contact for ministry to happen. Sadly, despite the 'official' defeat of radical factions, the effects of their actions are still felt. As of January 2019, there are still 1.2 million internally displaced persons, 71% living outside UN camps in the Kurdistan region of N.IQ. The remainder, if needed, will go towards the local ministry piece to this VMT.

Part of any missions trip is the process of fundraising. We do the work to raise the dollars. Alongside the work is a trust for God to show up in the process and provide. While this is a different kind of trip because we aren't actually traveling, we want to trust God to show up for us regardless. We need him to. We want to encounter him.

It's a little tricky to put a set cost to this, and you are welcome to give more. The following are suggested donation amounts serving as the cost of the trip:

1 person (1 unit)	\$100
2 persons/couple (2 units)	\$175
2+persons/family	\$250

Upon 'payment' (within a few days) you will receive your boarding pass, trip itinerary and preparation package. In addition, you will find a preparatory Bible study for you to walk through before the trip. We want to be open to an encounter with the Holy Spirit. Closer to the start of the trip we will give you the information on the details needed for the week of March 22.

Registration Deadline: March 15, 2021

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Holly at the church or email holly@mycac.ca.