

Iranian News December 2003

Dear brethren and sisters

We are delighted to tell you that after months of effort, our Br B & Sis M have escaped from Iran. They are the young married couple who fled to Turkey from persecution in Iran after their baptism, were arrested and deported, imprisoned, tortured, given death sentences, and then miraculously delivered.

Since then they have been in hiding and moving from place to place in Iran. They have just, with considerable difficulty, arrived in another country, which is poor and in a bad state itself. They were yesterday literally on the street. Money was sent to them immediately and very soon a sister will be flying out to meet them and try to reopen their case with the UNHCR.

We give thanks and praise to our Father for this wonderful deliverance! We do ask for your prayers for them and for those trying to help them. They will be in need of major financial support, which we are currently requesting the CBM and WCF to provide.

Let's remember that they are alone in a country where they don't know the language. They urgently need living expenses as they have nowhere to live. We estimate their living and other expenses will be in the order of US\$1000 / month if they are to rent a safe apartment where they are and obtain relevant documents etc.

Sis M was in tears when we spoke with her, it all is too much for her. We do ask for your prayers and care.

Can we remind you of the previous request for cards and letters of thanks to be sent to the UNHCR, thanking them for all they have done in enabling the granting of asylum to our Iranian brethren and sisters