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We are pleased to report that Brother K has now left Turkey after 2 years on the run, and arrived yesterday in Canada. Sister L was with him right through to his going through immigration, and assisted him in paying a 800 Million Turkish Lira 'fine' in order to finally get out. We give thanks to God for this great deliverance, and we wish to thank all of you for your prayers, support and the petitions to the UNHCR.

However, the success in getting the first group of Iranians out of Iran should not lead us to forget the very real plight of so many other Iranian brethren still seeking to escape. Sister L had an unexpected visitor- brother E was baptized by us in Turkey, having come out of Iran for this purpose and then returned there. For several months we have lost contact with him. He however turned up in Turkey to the safe house the BBFU [now renamed as Carelinks Christadelphian Ministries] run. He had a sorry story, of how he had been in the process of uploading material onto a preaching website, when the internet cafe he was doing it in was entered by agents who arrested him. They had been tracing his activities to the cafe he used, and came and arrested him whilst he was online. We had similar problems even in Turkey when our brethren used the same internet cafe for some time.

The reports coming through include the following:

"he has been beaten a lot and was kept blindfolded a lot of the time and as they moved him so he didn't know where he was in prison... after 6 months they let him go. he is very bruised. we were very worried about him not knowing where he had disappeared to. "

So please pray for our brother. To focus your prayers we provide the following photos from our archives of our brothers interview, baptism and hearty welcome into fellowship. He was baptized in a child's paddling pool bought specially for the purpose, set up in a small kitchen in an apartment in a Turkish city.

