

Stories From The Earthquake Zone

by K&L, Turkey

Life continues in the earthquake zone. It's been over a year since the great earthquake in Turkey. Recovery has been very slow. Every time we go, we still see heavily damaged apartment buildings standing untouched. You see broken buildings, broken houses, broken businesses, broken roads and broken people.

Still people are trying to move on. Some businesses reopened but on a small scale. Their bazar(marketplace) continues. Last winter was rainy and so the bazar was muddy with many water-filled potholes. My shoes got so dirty and wet! But the vendors are very friendly and they love talking to us. They really appreciate us for coming to their province even though it's a mess.



On our last visit we got connected to a church in the city. They were preparing a memorial service for people who had lost their loved ones and invited us to help minister to the survivors. We met a 17-year-old boy Mehmet, and some of his relatives. The boy had lost his entire family in the earthquake: his dad, mom, and 2 siblings. When the earthquake happened, the boy was buried with his family under their collapsed apartment building. He saw his brother slowly die while they were buried under the rubble. His aunties said that he doesn't want to talk. His pain is so unbearable. He wants to forget this tragedy, leave the country and start a new life somewhere else. I have tears in my eyes every time I pray for him. May God create beauty from ashes in Mehmet life and heal his pain. Please include him in your prayers.

One good thing though, our friend Jizel and her husband Ayhan started to read the Bible with us. We shared the good news and they really like what the Bible says. They said that the Bible is very clear, and they have peace every time they read it. After the many studies we did with them, they said that they are 60% on the way to following Jesus and they just need Jesus to show them a sign. And when that sign comes they will completely believe and not only surrender to Jesus but they will also share their faith to their families. Jizel was already sharing all the things she's been learning to her family in Lebanon. Please pray that Jesus will give them the sign soon.

Thank you again for your partnership with us. Your financial and prayer support are very much appreciated as we minister to our friends in the earthquake zone.

Welcome to **Journey** EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Wesley and Natalie sharing how God has loved, healed, and transformed them. God is good!

(Pc: Amy)



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Order of Service

April 28th, 2024

Call To Worship Elder Victor
Worship in Music Congregation
Worship in Word [Following Jesus: **Baptism**](#) Pastor Ted
Worship in Baptism Jacob
Worship in Response Congregation
Benediction Pastor Phil

Ways to connect:

Today: congratulations, Jacob, on your repentance and profession of Jesus as your Lord and Savior!

5/5: Bible Hour (9am, CE): learn the **real** meaning of The Prodigal Son parable.

5/12: Mothers' Day: let us give thanks to God for our mums!

5/19: Parent Orientation (Sun, 12pm): update on Youth Ministry and camp.
Earlybird discounted deadline: 5/19, normal: 6/9, late: 6/30.

6/8: All-Church Movie Day (2pm, CineMark at Bella Terra): save the date for a private viewing of *"Unsung Hero"*, a story of worship leaders King & Country and Rebecca St. James. 61 seats available with sign up in May.

Prayer ministry: if you have a public or private (church leaders only) prayer request, send it to prayer@journeyec.org so we may pray for you.



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Sermon Notes

Pastor Ted Kau • Acts 2:37-38

What is baptism, literally?

βαπτίζω (baptizo) = to immerse, to dunk

Different words and purposes for sprinkling (aspersion) and pouring (effusion)

Common reasons for refusing baptism

- Ignorance of truth—*"I didn't know"*
- Belief in falsehood—*"I'm not good enough"*
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- Indifference—*"There's no hurry"*
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- Unbelief

Baptism represents what the Gospel has done to

1. our heart: an _____, heartfelt response to Jesus, Ac 2:37, 8:37
2. our will: _____ and forgiveness from sin, Ac 2:38, Mt 12:41
3. our identity: oneness
with _____, Rm. 6:3-4, Mt. 28:19-20
with His Body, 1 Co. 12:13
sign of the New _____, Col. 2:11-12

For reflection, discussion, and application:

- What common excuse(s) for not being baptized have you heard of?
- Is it possible to be an unbaptized believer? How might God see this?
- Who can you pray for / are you praying for to be baptized?
- If you are interested in baptism, please talk to a church leader today.
- I'd like to learn more about Jesus or I need prayer (email <prayer@journeyec.org>)