



MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: October 29

Mary Alan **IRAQ**

Just about every day on the news we hear about the battles and killings and suffering across the Middle East.

But we must remember two things: Our missionaries are serving in and around these troubled areas. They are even seeing more response now because of the problems.

One of our missionaries in Iraq we'll call Mary. She says a Syrian man and his wife came to Iraq to escape the fighting in their homeland. They are Christians and have actually started a house church where they now live in Iraq!

Mary also tells of an Iraqi man named Elias. Islamic State fighters attacked his village and he had to flee for his life to another part of the country. There a missionary led him to faith in Christ. Now Elias is ministering to other refugees — he understands their situation very well, but also knows now that people need to hear the gospel even in the middle of fighting and confusion.

It is our church's Cooperative Program giving that helps us send missionaries to these dangerous places. And now, how we need to pray for Mary Alan!