

Dear Friends and Partners,

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

Thanks be to God who is the Author of peace. To whom we continuously pray for peace in Syria and the Middle East and the entire world. Like Habakkuk we continue to ask, "O Lord, how long shall we cry for help..." Indeed God hears and God will save!

No doubt the whole world knows and watches what is going on in Aleppo. Streets are shelled with heavy rockets hitting civilian's homes and the people on the streets. Families are buried, children are smashed, no water to drink, no bread, no medicine, no food, and no place to go.

Our pastor in Aleppo has written saying, "There is not a second without the sound of shelling. And the rumor is that gangs are gathering themselves to enter to the city and practice their crimes among the citizens. This created immense fear of what may happen to the innocents whose wrong is that they stayed in their city." The pastor continued to say, "Yet our people continue to come to the Church for worship, all are determined to stay in the city no matter what... In fact there were 160-200 people in the worship service on Sunday. Our women continue their meetings, and we even started meeting our youth to encourage their faith and strengthen their sense of belonging to the church."

Praise be to God.

Sadly people in Aleppo got used to witness death, destruction, and blood on the streets... But yes we ask how long death seem to race with life?

Friends, we appeal for prayers and actions by all who are able to do whatever is possible to save Aleppo and its people. Indeed God is a God of miracles and to Him we pray.

God please have compassion and save Aleppo for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

In Christ.

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