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Christ is risen indeed!

Thanks so much for praying for my trip to Minnesota and Iowa! God kept me safe through many miles of travel on snowy roads and flooded countryside. It was good to be able to see so many of you, and now I am glad to be back home. It was great to celebrate Easter with my family.

Please continue to pray for Salim Mansour, the Chaldean translator. 1) His health - He changed medication again in March for his blood pressure, and is adjusting to it. 2) His work - He is now beginning to translate the book of Proverbs. Please pray for God's wisdom for him.

I ran across some recent articles on Iraq. The Dora neighborhood in Baghdad used to be mainly Christian, but most of the Christians had to flee because of threats against them. Things seem to be slowly improving there, as described in this article:

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-04-09-insideiraqchristians\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-04-09-insideiraqchristians_N.htm)

This article talks about a church reopening for Easter in Dora:

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-04-09-iraqchristians\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2009-04-09-iraqchristians_N.htm)

Here is a link to an article of how Easter was celebrated in some Iraqi churches (Cardinal Emmanuel Delly is the patriarch of the Chaldean Church):

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/12/AR2009041200315.html>

Please continue to pray for Christians in Iraq.

God bless,

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