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Dear Friends of IN Turkey Ministry,

Yesterday, Behnan had flown into Diyarbakir, the largest city in the East of Turkey and also the site of a refugee camp with 850 families. From there the pastor of the Evangelical Church of Diyarbakir was to accompany Behnan to Sirnak where they would meet up with some other pastors to discuss the next steps in working with the refugees who are continuing to pour into Turkey.

Just as Behnan was ready to leave Diyarbakir, he received an urgent phone call from the Mayor of Sirnak pleading with Behnan not to come. The mayor reported that the center of the city was currently under attack by the PKK (Kurdish terrorist group) and that a gun battle was taking place between the Turkish military forces, the local police and the terrorists. The mayor was warning Behnan that it was not safe to come and he should stay out until conditions on the ground were more secure.

So Behnan and his friend, Pastor Ahmet, went to the refugee camp in Diyarbakir and shared with the people there. The situation in Turkey, particularly in the East close to the borders, is quite fluid and unpredictable at the moment.

International Needs' goal is to create a three-to-five year project which will allow us to reach out to the refugees and their families as they adapt to the difficult realities they are facing.

Two areas I would ask you to pray about on behalf of International Needs Turkey:

- Safety and wisdom as they carry God's love and compassion to these very vulnerable people
- Pray for the financial support of International Needs Turkey as the funding so far this year is running 32% behind budget.

In His Service,

Rody Rodeheaver