

# MINISTRY UPDATE FROM VICTORIA D.



"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" Psalms 96:3

## Prayers and Praises

- Pray that "Nazli" would continue to grow and be rooted in Christ.
- Pray for continued healing and rebuilding for this nation as we mark the three year anniversary of the 2023 earthquakes

## God in All Places

One Sunday morning, an elderly woman arrived quietly at our church as the service started. At first I thought she was a visitor, curious to see a Christian church. I soon observed that she was joining in the worship, and I began to wonder if she was actually a fellow Christian. It is not uncommon for visitors to sing along with the worship music, but something about the way she sang was different.

The next week she was at church again, and my friend and I introduced ourselves to her, asking how she had discovered the church. "Nazli" shared that she had been baptized a few months earlier in New Jersey, where her daughter and son-in-law live. Her American son-in-law had been sharing the gospel with his wife and mother-in-law for 7 years, but they thought he was crazy. Only recently had the two women been convinced of the truth and given their lives to Jesus. Now, after returning to her homeland, Nazli had found our church. Later on during the service, I noticed her quietly dabbing her eyes with a tissue. I wondered how it must feel to return to your home country with a new faith, and experience worshipping God in your "heart language" for the first time. Since then, Nazli has joined a weekly small group and is continuing to grow in her faith. Praise God for the many different ways that He is working to draw people to Himself!

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## Meet the Team!

I have the privilege of serving with some amazing co-laborers in Christ. This month, meet **Seçkin & Işıl**, and **Blessing & Brenda**...

Seçkin became a believer in 2002 and is one of the longest attending members of Lighthouse Church. After his wife Işıl became a believer 6 years ago, Seçkin joined the church leadership team, and last year became the second local pastor at our church. He is a retired import/export manager, and has one adult daughter. Seçkin's faithful presence brings stability and order to our church.

Blessing came to this country from Zimbabwe in 2014 to study computer engineering. He and his wife Brenda, from Mexico, met here and married in 2022. Their son Tinashe is 2 years old. Blessing is part of the leadership team, and truly lives into his name as he serves the church in a myriad of ways.

