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## A RARE FAITHFULNESS AND UN- BELEIVABLE LOYALTY

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It has been narrated that Al-Nu'man had made for himself two days: **A day of misery:** whoever encountered him on this day would be slaughtered and killed. **A day of grace:** whoever meets him on this day would be rewarded and made rich. It was found that Hanzala-ben-Abo-Afra-Atla'ie had been afflicted with extreme poverty, left his home to hunt something to feed his hungry children. While he was like that Al-Nu'man encountered him in his day of misery, when Alta'ie saw him he knew he was murdered and his blood was shed. He said: "Long live the king in the name of God". I have young boys and hungry parents. I left hunting to bring them something, enough to live on. The misfortune has brought me to the King this day of frowning. I have come closely to the house of the my sons and parents who are on the verge of dying from hunger. The situation will not be different in killing me between the beginning of the day or at the end of it. If the King finds out that by allowing me to bring food to them first, so they do not perish and give me time to designate one of my relatives to take care of them, then I will return to the King and give myself up in compliance with his order.

When Al-Nu'man heard this and understood the truth and gravity of his situation, he expressed sympathy about the loss of his children, humbled himself and laments his condition. He said to him, "I will not allow you to leave until a man ensures and guarantees your return, and if you do not return, we will kill him".

Sitting next to Al-Nu'man was his companion Sharik-ben-Aoudi. Alta'ie turned towards Sharik and said: "there is no escape from death, but if you would please help me to save my children from dying from hunger as they are waiting for me to bring them some food. You are a generous brother, you come from the people of generosity. O brother, I give you my commitment and promise to you and to God that I will return before dark". Then Sharik, said: "God save the King, I will guarantee his return", the Alta'ie then left quickly. The Al-Nu'man continues, saying or reminding his companion, that the day has passed and the man has not returned. The companion said, the King has no way now until the evening comes, when the



## WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH YOUR MONEY?

This past November, United People in Christ celebrated its 20th Birthday, helping our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. Since its inception in 1998, and as of December 31, 2018 your Donations have totaled **\$680,662.07** of which we have distributed **\$645,628.00** to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ living in Egypt, Sudan, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria. We Continue to spend less than 10% of your donations on administrative operations.

Your donations for the year ending December 31, 2018 totaled. **\$32,115.00.**

At this time, I want to thank the United People in Christ board members who continue to donate their time, money and talent to help me through the years. I want to give, however, special thanks to **YOU**, each and everyone of you who donated money through the years helping us to help our needy brothers and sisters in Christ in the Middle East. I want to thank a very special couple, **Esther and Jonathan Phelps** who continue to donate \$1,000.00 per month to UPIC and have done so faithfully for many years. May the Lord Bless them both and their family and give them of his abundance.

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN 2018 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<b>EGYPT:</b>	Via Bishop Tadros	\$1,000.00	
	Via H..O.P.E.	1,000.00	
	Via Coptic Care	1,000.00	
	Via Light for the Orphans	<u>2,000.00</u>	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>IRAQ:</b>	Via Adopt a Refugee	\$1,200.00	
	Via St.Thomas the Apostle Church	2,000.00	
	Via Sts. Peter & Paul Good Samaritan Fund	<u>2,000.00;</u>	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,200.00</b>
<b>ISRAEL:</b>	Via House of Grace, Haifa	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>LEBANON:</b>	Via St. Jude's Maronite Catholic Church	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>WEST BANK:</b>	Via Bethlehem Association	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>SUDAN:</b>	Via Light for the Orphans	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>SYRIA:</b>	Via Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church Of the Eastern U.S.	\$10,000.00	
	Via National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>

**TOTAL DISTRIBUTION IN 2018—\$29,200.00**

evening approached Sharik said to the king, there is a man coming forward and I hope it is the Al-Ta'ie, if he is not, give the order to kill me.

While they are like that, Al-Ta'ie, rushing quickly, arrived, and said, I was afraid for the day to end before my arrival. Then he stood up and said, Oh King, go through with your word. Al-Nu' man raised his head and said: "I did not see anyone more admirable than you. You , Al-ta'ie did not leave anybody to be an example for loyalty in this nation. As for my companion, I did not find any equal in this nation for someone with his generosity and love. I will not carry my order and I have lifted my day of misery on the people and I have changed my habit in honor of Al-ta'ie's sincerity and my partner's generosity.

Al-ta'ie said: "My tribe told me not to go back, I told them" I am a man of dignity, goodness and politeness and should honor my word". Al-Nu'man said to him: "what made you to be faithful and good and your heart is full of burden". He replied, "My religion". Al-Nu'man asked: " what religion are you on?" Al-ta'ie Replied: "the religion of Christ Jesus". If you are not faithful, you have no religion. Al-Nu'man made Al-ta'ie very rich, returned him to his family honorably and converted to Christianity.

## **CHRIST HAS RISEN, INDEED HE HAS RISEN!!! HAPPY 2019 RESURRECTION!**

**YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ESPECIALLY IN SYRIA AND IRAQ ARE NOT ONLY ENDURING PERSECUTION, BUT ALSO VERY HARD AND HARSH ECONIMICAL TIMES. THIS EASTER SEASON I AM ASKING YOU TO SEND YOUR GENEROUS TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION IN THE ENCLOSED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO HELP US IN HELPING THEM.  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!!**

**The UPIC Picnic scheduled for April 28, 2019 was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.. We apologies for any inconvenience,**

**YOU CAN NOW READ THIS  
NEWSLETTER AND OUR  
PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS BY  
VISITING OUR WEBSITE**

**UNITEDPEOPLEINCHRIST.ORG**

**I AM INDEBTED TO JANET  
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## **ANNUAL UPIC PICNIC AND DINNER**

**The Picnic scheduled for April 28, 2019 has been cancelled**

### **THE FALL UPIC DINNER**

**Will take place on Saturday, October 26,, 2019 at 6: 30 p.m.**

**The Location will be announced**

**Please mark your calendar**

**ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**