

## Brief Update from Tunis

Dear family, friends and colleagues;

Thank you for your prayers and concern for ourselves, our colleagues and friends and the people of this nation. Thank you to those who have attempted to contact us recently. Please forgive us that we are not able to respond to every contact. You will understand that we are living through a volatile and rapidly-changing situation.

The events of the last few weeks culminated in a huge turning-point yesterday evening. For many people here, the departure of the President is a major step in the dismantling of a regime that has dominated and cruelly abused them whilst ignoring their daily needs. They will not be satisfied until that regime is deconstructed and replaced.

A longer (twelve hour) curfew was put in place yesterday evening and remains in force, but looting, arson and violence were widespread throughout the night according to various reports, although our area was quiet last night. The army is reputedly out in force to try and restore order.

Please pray for these two major matters: general security and ongoing political process. We do not yet know if we will be allowed to hold services this weekend (I suspect not) and even if we did whether people would venture down to our area of Tunis to participate in them (again I suspect not).

We thank the Lord for the safety he gives. We are fine, and thankful to God that through the difficulties we had in spring 2010 with break-ins to the church etc, we worked hard to establish better security on the church site.

Please pray for folk to turn to the living God whilst the foundations of their society are being rocked.

Please don't feel you need to reply to this update - just pray!

Our love in Him

Bill & Hilary

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