

## FREEMAN



## Laura & Rich Freeman

### TURKEY

#### LANGUAGES

Turkish  
English

#### MINISTRY PRIORITY

Discipleship

#### BIRTHDAYS

Laura 5/18  
Rich 12/21



#### LOCATION

Turkey



#### ABOUT

LAURA and RICH serve as associate global servants jointly appointed with International Ministries and their nonprofit organization, Turkish Connections International. Establishing new churches in one of the least reached countries on earth, Turkey, they work with Turkish pastors and key Christian leaders to

accomplish three main goals. First, they identify new potential pastors who are well-trained and highly respected. Second, they help gather needed financial support for these pastors. Their third goal is to maintain ongoing contact with each new church to engage and nurture the pastors. Laura and Rich connect Christians in the United States and Puerto Rico with God's work in Turkey through a quarterly prayer newsletter and by offering service projects.



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Lunch with Turkish pastors.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

In a country where 99.8% of the population is Muslim, there is often misunderstanding, frequent animosity, and resistance toward the Turkish Christian community. However, three Turkish pastors are changing hearts and minds! Pastors “D,” “R,” and “U” have registered a non-governmental organization (NGO) to minister to refugee communities and provide disaster relief. They provide clean water, food, hygiene centers, medical supplies, and clothing to Syrian, Iraqi, and Afghani refugees and respond to floods and fires with swift aid. The government has watched their humanitarian efforts closely. Because of their faithful and ethical service, the Turkish government has begun to call upon them to help with specific relief efforts.

Immediately after the devastating earthquakes in eastern Turkey, a government official called Pastor D. His team loaded a convoy of trucks and deployed within a few hours. In the aftermath, the President of Turkey urged survivors to be wary of scammers but

affirmed trust in this organization, the only NGO the government officially partners with. Seeing their loving service, as well as the affirmation by the conservative Islamic government, has helped soften hearts to the Christian message and is changing opinions about Turkish believers.

Turkish Connections International is blessed to partner with our Turkish brothers and sisters as they bring “a cup of water” in the name of Jesus to their neighbors in creative, loving and sacrificial ways. By God’s grace, we will continue to share resources, prayer partnerships and loving encouragement with pastors and churches in this historic land.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for wisdom as we partner with a growing number of pastors and Christian leaders in refugee/disaster relief and ministry and for the churches growing out of this refugee relief.

Pray that as refugees see the love of Jesus in the actions of Christians, they want to know more about him.

Pray for wisdom and guidance as the Christian community seeks to move forward in a time of enhanced government security and scrutiny.

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## SCRIPTURE

*“And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.”*

Colossians 4:3 (NIV)