

TRIBUTE TO ANTONY SIMON MIDDLE EAST CO-WORKER

The work of a missionary is never without risk. At the end of May 2017, whilst engaged in team ministry amongst refugees in the Kurdistan area in Erbil N.E.Iraq, Antony, a passionate mission worker, full of zeal and vigour for the Gospel, was tragically killed in a road accident whilst returning at night from preaching event in a Kurdish church in the city. Other team members with him, including ACTION's refugee focus co-ordinator John Macy, were not injured. ACTION (UK) has co-worked with Antony, director of partner mission "Voice in the Wilderness" (VITW) under agency agreements for over 15 years, in various Middle East countries. We have carried reports from ACTION's joint work in the region from time to time. Antony, who originally hails from Manchester, was aged 52 when he died. The Kurdish evangelical churches and the International Church, which he was also the leader of in Jerusalem, Israel, have held memorial services in his honour, as a tribute to his ministry work. He is survived by his wife Dona and children, Joshua, Joel and Rachel, to whom we extend our deepest condolences in their sad loss and would value your prayers for them. Antony accomplished more for the Gospel in the space of just over three decades than we could ever do in a lifetime. Such was the godly dynamic of a man greatly used of God to reach the unsaved of many faiths, in the Middle East region nations. The family has informed ACTION that they will continue the good ministry work of VITW, co-working with ACTION, under the auspices and direction of his eldest son, Joshua. Please pray that The Lord will strengthen them all and give them all peace during this sad time of their great loss and grief. He will be missed by all his family and many friends in mission, but he is now in the presence of the Lord he loved to serve with all his zealous heart and soul.



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