

PRAYER LETTER

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008

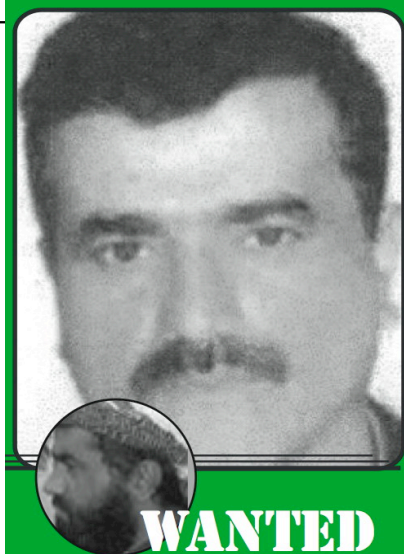
Religious Support Team, 2nd Iraqi Army Division Military Transition Teams

High Value Prayer Focus:
Abdullah Al-Shafii

Wanted as an operational planner and senior leader. He is Iraqi Kurd. He is the founder and leader of Ansar al-Sunna (AS) formerly known as Ansar al-Islam. Various reports reveal AS is cooperating with Al-Qaida and former Baathists in attacks against civilians, the Iraqi government, and coalition forces.

From Defense Intelligence Agency Web Site (2006)

Ask God to give Abdullah dreams and visions that will lead him to understanding the true character and nature of God. Ask that his bondage to Satan will be broken. Ask that he will see and experience the irresistible grace of God found in God's provision for the forgiveness of his sins and that he will have the spiritual freedom to repent.



Prayer Requests:

- When youth rebel against their parents in Iraq they become terrorists. Ask God to keep Iraqi youth from rebelling in this way.
- Some Iraqis despise and even attack American soldiers. Ask God to help soldiers respond to all Iraqis with compassion and grace according to the way they want to be treated rather than the way a few people are treating them.
- As Jesus healed the sick and fed the hungry while teaching about the kingdom of God, coalition forces in Iraq are trying to improve medicine and literacy while teaching about freedom and democracy as an alternative to dictatorial control through terror. Ask God to grant courage, wisdom, and strength to coalition forces and Iraqi civic leaders for achieving success in these endeavors.

John 20:21

Again Jesus said,
"Peace be with you! As
the Father has sent me,
I am sending you."

Devotional Thought on John 20:21

After his death and resurrection Jesus commissioned his followers to go into all the world and preach the gospel of the kingdom of God to people of every tongue, tribe, and nation. Here in the upper room visitation, he announces that he is the model for how that is to be done. No greater gap in communication was ever crossed than that between us on earth and God in heaven. Like Jesus, when we cross-cultures, we empty ourselves of many comforts and privileges that we have among our own people (see Philippians 2:5-7). We suffer humiliation, get misunderstood, and sometimes give our lives.