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Hello, English and literacy teachers around the world!

The *New Bridges* textbooks and other teaching resources are tools for you to teach adult learners in your community:

- (1) American English conversation skills
- (2) Behdini Kurdish literacy skills

Our books and other teacher's resources are culturally-appropriate for use in conservative cultures and are published in flexible ways to be maximally useful to people in many different contexts. Instead of ordering a box of books which is costly to ship, you can purchase a printing license and then print the materials at a local copy shop or printing house. The materials are designed in gray-scale and conform to international standards in that they are A4 sized. Or – if you want – you can order a box of hard copy coil-bound books!

In 1992, I started my career as a linguist, teacher, social worker, counselor, and friend among Iraqi Kurds. I have loved my various roles and the challenges that are part of the work. I started the *New Bridges* project in 2006 so that my co-workers and I could have legally photocopiable materials available for our English conversation classes in Northern Iraq. Over the years our project has grown and our materials have blessed many teams of teachers all over the world.

You, too, can be involved in our project by:

- a) using our teaching resources in your English classes
- b) developing your own L1 literacy resources for adults in your community based on our Behdini Kurdish model

We look forward to hearing from you!

Warmly,

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