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# the DELUCA family

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE

## The Home Stretch

*It's hard to believe that we're only 1 month away from our June 15th departure date! We praise God for 2-1/2 years of His faithfulness during our deputation adventure. We're at 95% of our support, have purchased our tickets & begun packing! We're very grateful for your faithful support and encouragement. Please keep us in prayer as we transition from deputation to full-time ministry on the island of Zakynthos in Greece. God has led us thus far & we're confident He will continue!*



### A Divine Appointment

During a conference in VA last month, I was asked if I would visit with a Greek man whose niece attended the church to whom we were presenting our ministry. I readily agreed and began praying. That Saturday morning, the Asst. Pastor and I went to visit Pete. He invited us in but warned me he was Orthodox and had strong beliefs. Lost in tradition & religion, I simply shared Scripture to address his eternity. After an hour, the Holy Spirit had brought him to the place where he knew he was lost. With tears in eyes, he prayed to receive Christ! What a joy it is to win a soul to Christ but it is especially joyful for me to have won a Greek man to the Lord. A veteran Greek missionary told me that it can take years to see a convert in Greece but God provided ahead of schedule!!!

### **“NO RESERVE, NO RETREAT, NO REGRET”**

These immortal words of William Borden ring louder and bolder in our hearts every day. As we say goodbye to America, our church, family, and friends, we stand in awe at what God is doing in our lives. For a number of reasons, we have decided to sell or give away most of our possessions and start fresh in Greece. We're trusting God to meet our needs and provide our necessities in order to be the most usable vessels possible when we begin the next phase of ministry. It is reported that Alexander, among the most famous of Greeks, burned his ships after his far outnumbered army disembarked to battle the Persians. There could be no retreat, only the reality that what lay ahead mattered most. The same is true for us today. As we "burn our ships", we commit to the calling God has placed on our lives to reach the people of Greece with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We place that

duty first and foremost above anything else. Turning back or retreat is not an option. God has given us a truly unique blessing that we must allow Him to work through. We press forward "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"(Phil.1:6). We need no reserve, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ" (Phil.4:19). God never fails to keep His promises. We have no regret now, nor do we anticipate any, for serving God in Greece. Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 7:10, "Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these?" We trust the future will be even better as we seek to win souls and plant churches for His glory!



### Prayer Requests:

- **Ministry** God's glory in and through our ministry. Souls saved; discipled.
- **Family** Language acquisition. Culture adaptation. Spiritual growth
- **Move** Safe travel. Citizenship & Visa process. Vehicles, appliances, home goods.
- **Children** Transition into culture. Peace & grace in their hearts and minds.
- **Special** Cancer recovery MacKenzie Manaraze

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