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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE



Happenings

Prayer Requests:

- ❖ *Greek language acquisition.*
- ❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.
- ❖ New changes to furlough schedule; Resources.
- ❖ Please pray we quickly find a house in Athens when we arrive in March 2018.
- ❖ Georgi is working 2 jobs & preparing for GED. Wisdom regarding college in 2018.
- ❖ Please pray for our ZBBC family & the continued growth of the ministry.
- ❖ God's continued direction & peace for location of new Athens church plant in 2018.
- ❖ Praise! ZBBC Childrens Summer Bible Camp was a great success!
- ❖ Aletheas Faros Radio- Greeks to listen worldwide;
- ❖ Greek Taxes filed! Everything in place for residency permit!!!
- ❖ Time management, safety & health during furlough.
- ❖ Salvation- Lena /our Greek teacher, fiance- Kostas, & family; Dionysi & Marie; Neighbor- Clare; Gus; Kostas, Vasso & kids; Spiro & Family. Many church members family/friends.

Furlough is off to a great start! We've been busy to say the least. Soon after arriving, my mother had to undergo spine surgery in FL, which required me to spend 2 weeks with her during her hospital stay & recovery. Praise the Lord, she is progressing nicely but we fell behind in finishing our prayer cards & video update. Thankfully we've got caught up and have finished those important items as we begin a busy season of meetings to update some of our supporting churches. Please pray for our travels. **After** much prayer & counsel, Joanna and I decided to enroll our boys in our sending church's Christian school for the year. They asked to go and God opened many doors to make it happen. Our kids have been through a lot of changes over the last 5 years and we wanted to give them some stability & a memorable year before we relocate and begin church planting in Athens next year. Because of this, our plan to return to Greece in March 2018 has been modified slightly. We did not want to pull the boys out of school early, return to Greece, and move them again, so Joanna and I will return to Greece in March 1st but Joanna will return to the US 2 weeks later to finish the school year with the boys. Please pray as we pack up our home & find a new one in Athens before Joanna leaves. I will move our belongings & get our house settled for

their return while working with another Baptist missionary for 2 months to "learn the ropes" of ministering in Athens. We covet your prayers as we've never been separated for as long a period and that the changes to airline tickets will be reasonable. **It's** been a blessing to visit several of our supporting churches already & our schedule through the fall is full for most Sundays. God has blessed as we've been able to schedule multiple churches on many Sundays at churches within a reasonable drive from our home in PA. We will be sending out new prayer cards & our ministry update DVD to all of our partnering churches beginning in October. We're doing our best to visit as many church families as possible. **Language** studies have continued via Skype with our teacher, Lena, in Greece. I am encouraged at the retention we've had over these months & the good progress we're making. I'm continuing to translate discipleship materials for the future. **We've** given out several Greek tracts here, as well as participated in some of our home church's evangelism programs. We're excited to soon meet a Greek Christian woman who wants to "cook for us & talk about the Lord" in October. Please pray as she has a house on Crete she said we could use for ministry in the future! **Thanks for your prayers & support!**

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