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the DELUCA family

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE

We Are Home!!!

After giving away our furniture to a US church planter, and much of our personal possessions to others, we packed 30 pieces of luggage and boarded a plane to come home to Greece on June 16th. We immediately began filing paperwork in Athens and then headed to Zakynthos. To say we hit the ground running is an understatement. We're settling in to our new home & already involved in many ministries. We're rejoicing in God's faithfulness, protection, and provision... Let the work begin!!!



Tears & Joy

We had known the day would come when we would have to say goodbye to our family and friends. It is simply part of missions, but God allowed us the opportunity to spend time with so many important people in our lives before our departure. Our home church family gave us an incredible send off and we enjoyed a wonderful family Bon Voyage Party that not only created memories but also allowed us to share our faith. We shed many tears, especially with our elderly grandmothers. However, the greatest joy came as people shared how our lives and ministry had impacted them. We were humbled to hear how our service to Christ had challenged so many others to do the same. One never knows who is watching, We're gratefully blessed to know people saw Christ in us.

It is a quite an answer to prayer to be writing this prayer letter from our home in Greece. I remember well the days when this now real event seemed so distant. 14 years after surrendering our lives to serve Christ, our faith has been made sight! There were trials along the way but the blessings have far outweighed them and we're confident that the same will hold true for the future. I'll never forget the long nights of Bible College classes and homework. We have tremendous memories from our 2-1/2 year deputation adventure. The picture of our children sleeping on the ground at the Athens airport, surrounded by the entirety of our worldly possessions as we waited for the freight company, is burned into my mind. What will these next years hold? What trials will we face? What blessings will God shower upon us? One can only trust God and live in obedience to His will. People ask, "How long will it

take to learn Greek?" I don't know. "When and where will you plant a church?" I wish I had the answer for that too. However, I am "confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." It is He who has brought us this far and it is He who will lead us the rest of the way. We've begun language training and we're now actively involved in leadership of an established Baptist church. He led us through those years and trials so that we will trust His leading all the more as we face these next years, should He tarry. We're not sure what lies around the corner but we know that Christ is already there, ready to walk each step with us, that we might continue to be strengthened to share the gospel, disciple in Greek, and plant churches. I look forward to the next 14 years that I might say, "This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes".

THE BEST IS YET TO COME



Prayer Requests:

• Ministry

God's glory; Souls saved; Summer Bible Camp (7/7-20/2014)

• Family

Language/Culture adaptation, Spiritual growth, Time mgt.

• Personal

Citizenship & Visa process. Vehicle needs to be met. Furniture purchases.

• Children

Attending Greek school in Fall. Grace & strength to walk w/God, serve where needed, and make new friends.

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