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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE



STILL WAITING...

As much as we've prayed & tried to expedite my residency permit, I am still without answers or the permit. I know God has a reason for this trial & I am trusting completely in His plan and will regarding these documents. My lawyer assures me he is working hard and attributes the problem to an attorneys strike which has slowed legal proceedings in Greece. Strikes are common here & often without a clear purpose. In light of the situation, we recently made the tough decision only Joanna would escort Claire to the States in August for college. Yet, I'm encouraged as God clearly wants me here in Greece doing what He has called us to do without interruption.

Happenings

March and April were important months in the growth of many in our church family. Christian counsellors & authors Larry & Kathy Miller, long time friends of Pastor Taki & April, were here for 3 weeks of marriage seminars and much more. While they focused on helping many in our church family with personal & family issues, they also focused attention on both our family and the Korianitis' to help us in areas specific to ministry /missionary families. God definitely was at work during this time in the hearts and lives of church family.

We continue to work hard on our language studies and cultural adaptation. There are many things to make language acquisition both a challenge and a lot of fun. While my vocabulary is growing, it often takes me a second or two to think through & formulate a sentence which often results in Greeks finishing my sentences for me. Sometimes I feel like people can read my mind! The kids have done extremely well and very much like to "help" dad with his pronunciation. All in all, the important aspect is for us to use what we know regularly, which we do as we always seek to speak Greek with those around us. Pastor Taki has asked me to prepare some simple lessons to teach in Greek to our Sunday School kids. Pray for me... and them!!!

Work on the Greek radio station has begun and we hope to be "on air" very soon. Two men from the US came to Greece to help guide the process. Matt & Brian run Final Fight Bible Radio, an internet based station, and God led them our way as an answer to Pastor Taki's prayer. Our group of Greek IFB missionary / pastors gathered again with them to discuss and plan the vision and goals we have for a completely Greek language Christian radio station. Please pray God will help us find more usable Greek preaching & teaching we can use on air as we continue to develop & record materials for our library. Our prayer is the Lord will use the station to help direct our steps for future church planting locations.

Partially celebrating our 20th anniversary, Joanna & I spent three days in Athens visiting with a couple our family stayed with on Deputation. We had a great time touring both biblical & other historically significant sites in Corinth & Athens. God crossed our paths again with Magda, a young lady we met first met in 2014 in Corinth. We've witnessed to her 3 times now & she is slowly expressing interest in "Christian Church". She wants to come visit us on Zakynthos soon! We also had opportunity to meet with an Iranian American friend who was in Athens working with Farsi refugees.



Prayer Requests:

❖ **Greek language acquisition.**

❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.

❖ Grace for our kids; Claire- GED Test on May 25th; More Friends/ Summer travel plans.

❖ ZBBC- Growth & Edification.

❖ Radio to go live on schedule.

❖ Wisdom for future ministry: Long term plan development, wisdom, resources, & laborers.

❖ Michael's residency permit-

❖ Summer Camp- July 3-12.

❖ Faros Newspaper- Impact.

❖ Salvation- Lena /our Greek teacher & family; Taki, Litza & Family; Magda; Dionysi & Marie; Many church members family/ friends.

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