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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE



Prayer Requests:

- ❖ *Greek language acquisition.*
- ❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.
- ❖ Grace for our kids; Claire @ NEBC; Smooth transition from Zakynthos Bible Baptist Church. Please pray for our ZBBC family & the continued growth of the ministry.
- ❖ God's continued hand of direction & peace for location of new church.
- ❖ ZBBC Childrens Summer Bible Camp- July 10-15.
- ❖ The Faros paper- 200 being distributed monthly in Patra.
- ❖ Aletheas Faros Radio- Greeks to listen worldwide; Recording studio needs.
- ❖ Salvation- Lena /our Greek teacher, fiance- Kostas, & family; Dionysi & Marie; Neighbor- Clare; Gus; Kostas, Vasso & kids; Spiro & Family. Many church members family/friends.



Happenings

We took a week long family "survey" trip to Athens & Thessaloniki in early April. Though we enjoyed both cities, we all felt a greater connection to Athens. We spent many hours walking around the city seeking God's confirmation if this would be the place He would have us relocate after furlough to plant a new church. We met with 2 other missionaries for a good time of fellowship, prayer, and to discuss which areas have need & potential. It doesn't take long to realize every part of Athens has need of a good Baptist church. The Metro Athens population is approaching 4 million people- roughly 40% of the Greek population. We've particularly focused on the northern part of the city around an area known as Marousi. Urban sprawl has led to recent growth of this area. Having identified this locale during an earlier trip in February, I purposely booked a studio apartment in the area so we could explore. We definitely saw great potential- young families, large schools, new parks & plenty of people. The Metro train stations are also being enlarged to handle the increasing local population. With only 2 other churches of like faith in Athens attempting to reach 3.75 million souls, we believe Athens to be the place God is leading our family at this time. Please pray with us as we seek God's direction and confirmation.

It is hard to believe our time on Zakynthos is coming to a close. We've developed a great love for the people and the island itself but especially for our Zakynthos Bible Baptist church family. We came here 3 years ago with next to no language skills or cultural understanding but we leave here better prepared to reach Greeks because so many saints have loved, helped, and encouraged us. Pastor Taki & April allowed us to join in God's blessings at ZBBC and we will be forever grateful. Though we will be separated by geography, our hearts will always be tied to theirs for the purpose of reaching Greeks for Christ.

We will begin furlough on June 20th & will be home based in the Philadelphia area. Please pray as we pack up our possessions and close up our affairs here. Greek paperwork often entails going from office to office, only to be sent back to the first one. We're also waiting for our Greek income tax paperwork to be completed soon. Please pray all goes well as we file. Also, please pray as I exit the country as my visa situation might require me to pay a fine. We're praying they'll accept the documentation regarding the situation. *PRAISE!* The Lord blessed us with affordable airfare for our return & the US Embassy processed and sent us the kids new passports in just 10 days!

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