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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE



## Happenings

### Prayer Requests:

- ❖ *Greek language acquisition.*
- ❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.
- ❖ Claire got her Driver's license! Hoping to buy a car. Summer internship going well; Returning to New Eng. Bapt. College in the fall.
- ❖ Wisdom for our daughter Georgi regarding college in 2018 & job need this year.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ ZBBC Childrens Summer Bible Camp- July 10-15.
- ❖ Aletheas Faros Radio- Greeks to listen worldwide;
- ❖ GreekTax issue to be resolved; 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.

**After** a few weeks of hurried packing, visits to various Greek gov't offices, and addressing many other "details", on June 20th we departed Athens and arrived in Philadelphia. We are glad to be in the US to visit family & friends while we report back to our supporting churches what the Lord has done during the past 3 years & where He is leading us when we return to Greece next March.

*Thank you* for praying regarding a possible fine as I exited Greece. We went to the Police station attached to the Athens airport the day before our flight to explain the situation. After checking the facts, the duty officer assured me I was clear from any fines and gave me his card to present if we had any problem at passport control. The Lord paved the way as the agent processed me without question! **It** has been a whirlwind since our US arrival! We're once again setting up what will be home for the next 8 months. Our sending church has given us use of a great vehicle & a family has allowed us to stay in their rental property- we only have to pay the bills! God's people continue to bless us abundantly!

**Leaving** Zakynthos was harder than anticipated. Greece is our home now & saying goodbye to our church family & friends was difficult. We had a particularly hard time leaving our Greek teacher, Lena. Our last lessons seemed to run longer than usual as she prepared us for 8 months away. We've shared the gospel with her faithfully & she continues to soften. We all met at her parents restaurant in a beautiful mountain village to spend a nice evening with Lena and her family. They spoiled us with some wonderful Zakynthian food while providing us the opportunity to use our Greek. Lena is now tutoring me via Skype once a week. Please continue to pray for her salvation.

**One** of the items we must have in order for my residency permit is our Greek taxes. We've hired an accountant & tried to file but we're having trouble with one issue. We went to multiple offices trying to address it but there is some confusion regarding how we file because of my residency status. Please pray this will be resolved quickly in our absence so I can file my application upon our return. *Thank you for praying for us!!!*

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