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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE

Happenings



May was a busy month as we prepared quickly to move into our new home by June 1st. We all packed & boxed our belongings and made the move just after Georgi & Micah left for 5 weeks in America with Joanna's mom. We spent 4 days running van loads of boxes before Taki came with "Blue" for two loads of bigger items (top picture at left-Zakynthian Hillbillies!). We've been in our new house for a month now and are settling in nicely (middle picture). Thankfully, we're less than a mile from church and our friends Taki & April again. There are two apartments attached to our house, one of which is occupied by an English woman we're getting to know and have begun sharing the Gospel with as often as the door is open. New neighbors, new opportunities for witnessing!

Our evangelism team has returned to the small villages on the island to distribute the newspaper and tracts during the summer months. We are still delivering the paper to the main town but we make use of the extended daylight to reach some remote villages where walking on the narrow roads in the dark can be dangerous. Our goal is to cover the island as completely as possible before turning our focus to reaching the larger mainland cities with printed materials and info about the soon to be ready Greek Bible radio

station. Our prayer is the Lord will open doors for new Bible Studies leading to future church plants as we venture into cities such as Patra & Corinth.

After almost 2 years of Greek language instruction, Pastor Taki has given me the opportunity to teach the children's Sunday School class in Greek! I taught the kids twice during the month of June in Greek (bottom picture) and am now rotating with Taki to teach once or twice a month. Admittedly, I was a bit nervous as my pronunciation is not always the best but the kids were gracious and encouraged me greatly. This has greatly spurred me to be more engaged using my Greek in daily interactions and while evangelizing. Having passed the sink or swim test with the kids, Taki has scheduled me to preach to the adults during the Greek service on September 11th! I am working hard translating my message and will be working with our language teacher for a few weeks prior to smooth my delivery & pronunciation. Exciting times indeed!

We celebrated 2 years in Greece on June 17th! It's hard to believe how far we've come in this time but we're also in need of your prayers for the work which lies ahead. Please pray for clear direction regarding future ministry & church planting and for continued language acquisition and skill.



Prayer Requests:

- ❖ **Greek language acquisition.**
- ❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.
- ❖ Grace for our kids; New homeschool curriculum this fall.
- ❖ ZBBC- Growth & Edification.
- ❖ Radio to go live on schedule.

- ❖ Wisdom for future ministry: Long term plan development, wisdom, resources, & laborers.
- ❖ Joanna, Claire & John traveling to US in August as Claire begins college in CT.

- ❖ Salvation- Lena /our Greek teacher & family; Taki, Litza & Family; Magda; Dionysi & Marie; Neighbor- Clare; Many church members family/friends.
- ❖ **Michael's residency permit!**

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