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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE



NEW WHEELS!!!

Since we arrived last June, we've had some interesting situations with transportation. Because our residency was incomplete, we couldn't own a vehicle. Fortunately, vehicles were loaned to us but each one only sat 5 and we're a family of 6. We either made multiple trips or had help from church family but that's all in the past now! God connected with us a couple selling a great condition 7 seat van which we now LEGALLY OWN! God crossed our path with the sellers, Akis & Athena, at just the right time as she just had cancer surgery and seems open to the Gospel. We praise the Lord for the van & ministry opportunity.

HAPPENINGS

Greek government paperwork moves slowly. As previously posted, Joanna and the kids received their citizenship papers after 17 months. She and our girls have obtained their official Greek ID cards at long last! The boys and I are still waiting on the final documents allowing us full residency. The boys is related to the filing of documents acknowledging mandatory military service; mine had to follow Joanna's final citizenship approval. Please pray with us for a speedy resolution so we can travel out of the country if necessary and finally settle in as Greek residents.

The Faros newspaper continues to open doors here in Greece and beyond. Pastor Taki is now sending copies to Greeks in three other countries. The monthly distribution allows our family to use our Greek language skills as we interact with our community. We have increased the printing from 1K to 1.5K per month as we venture into other parts of the main town. During the winter, we forego weekly village outreaches because of the narrow roads and low visibility but we are finding more people than ever to share a newspaper & tract with. Please pray for the paper's continued impact, Christmas tract distribution, and Christmas music outreaches in town.

Praise!- Elsa, the recently saved woman mentioned in our last letter, was near a divorce just two months ago. After much prayer, witnessing, and counsel, her husband Manolis was saved!!! They've committed their lives & marriage to Christ and just returned from a 2nd honeymoon!

Pray as we begin new efforts to reach the English speaking people who inhabit our island. Most have no interest in church or spiritual matters.

We would like to humbly ask you to pray earnestly for our children. They've experienced quite a lot over the last few years. The constant travel of deputation, leaving America, learning a new language, and the lack of meaningful friendships has impacted all of them in different ways. It is difficult as a parent to watch your children in any type of pain without giving them some type of relief. We praise God they're holding fast to God and His promises during this challenging time of transition. Joanna and I are doing everything possibly to help them find new friends, build relationships, & give them opportunities to keep connected to family & friends in the States. Again, thank you for praying for Claire, Georgi, Micah, and John.

Prayer Requests:

- ❖ Greek language acquisition.
- ❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.
- ❖ Grace for our kids as they homeschool/ More Friends.
- ❖ Wisdom in ministry planning- Newspaper/Radio; Evangelism program; Early stages of future church plant in Patra.
- ❖ ZBBC-Growth/Edification
- ❖ Outreach to English Speakers
- ❖ Salvation- Lena /our Greek teacher & her parents; Costas; Stephanos; Dionysios; Taki, Litza & Family!; Athena/Cancer



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