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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE



### Prayer Requests:

- ❖ *Greek language acquisition. Lessons continuing via Skype.*
- ❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.
- ❖ Pray for victims of flooding in Greece.
- ❖ Air travel changes & resources. Preparations & God's continued direction for new Athens church plant in 2018. Printing & equip. costs
- ❖ Please pray we quickly find a house in Athens when we arrive in March 2018.
- ❖ **Praise** for safe travels & great mtgs. w/ supporting churches.
- ❖ Praise! Joanna has found treatment for health issues!
- ❖ Please pray for our ZBBC family & ministry friends in Athens- Dimakos, Tsirozidis, & Sinda Families.
- ❖ Aletheas Faros Radio- Greeks to listen worldwide;
- ❖ 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.

## Happenings

**We** recently finished a busy stretch of update meetings at many of our supporting churches. Joanna and I visited over 20 of our ministry partners during a 2-1/2 month span, mostly traveling on the weekends, often updating 2 churches on Sundays. Following our sending pastor's recommendation, we stayed close to our home base in the Philly area so we could continue our Greek studies & allow our boys to attend Christian school. Joanna's mom graciously agreed to stay with us for 7 weeks during this time to oversee our busy home as we traveled. God blessed us with safe travels, sweet fellowship, and great ministry opportunities. We helped evangelize with several churches, spoke to many young people in chapels & Sunday school, and saw God work in hearts regarding missions & full time service. As much as we would like to have visited all of our partnering churches, after much prayer and counsel, we decided it best to follow this plan in order to give our kids the opportunity to attend school after 5 years of deputation & on-field moves in Greece. They're all doing great- playing sports, beginning music lessons, and enjoying their home church & school.

**Preparations** are under way for our soon return to the field! Joanna and I will leave March 1st to pack up our home on Zakynthos and spend 2

weeks in Athens filing paperwork & searching for a house. We've asked several friends in Greece to keep a look out for houses in the Marousi area where we plan to begin a new church. I am in the beginning stages of writing & translating the materials we will distribute in the area to announce the church & invite people to Bible studies. Please pray for wisdom as we put together literature that will be received with open hearts and lead to strong relationships. **About** 1-1/2 years ago, I decided to finish my masters degree in missions online. Higher education gives credibility in the eyes of many Greeks which was one reason I decided to complete the degree. God blessed as I was awarded a partial scholarship at Virginia Baptist College, but the greater blessing has been my exposure to discipleship and mentoring principles & cultural anthropology. I'm sure I am better prepared to reach & teach people as we seek to grow a local NT Baptist church. Please pray as I finish 1 class in December and my final class the week we return to Greece in March. **Finally**, we'll be sending out a new update DVD and new prayer cards to all of our supporting churches in December. The DVD details our first term in Greece & gives a glimpse of the future ministry we're trusting God will bless in Athens!!!

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