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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE



Happenings

Prayer Requests:

- ❖ *Greek language acquisition. Lessons continuing via Skype.*
- ❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.
- ❖ Final weeks of furlough, travel, & time w/ family.
- ❖ God's leading for housing in Athens- specifically 3/11-23.
- ❖ Praise! New contacts in Athens interested in being part of new church! Pray for more contacts as we plan.
- ❖ Strength & grace during coming time of separation.
- ❖ Preparations & God's continued direction for new Athens church plant in 2018. Printing & equipment costs.
- ❖ Please pray for our ZBBC family & ministry friends in Athens- Dimakos, Tsirozidis, & Sinda Families.
- ❖ Aletheas Faros Radio- Greeks to listen worldwide;
- ❖ Salvation- Lena /our Greek teacher, fiance- Kostas, & family; Dionysi & Marie; Neighbor- Clare; Gus; Kostas, Vasso & kids; Spiro & Family. Many church members family/friends.
- ❖ Praise for Mark being saved (1/10/18) & Pajtim and Darina's engagement!

Happy New Year! We cannot believe how fast furlough has passed! Joanna and I are preparing to return to Greece on March 1st to pack our house & find a new home in Athens. Please keep our housing search in prayer. We're looking for a home that meets all our needs in a specific area of Athens. Our initial internet searches are encouraging but you never know until you actually see the house. Joanna returns to the USA on March 23rd to finish the school year with the boys. They'll join me in Athens on June 4th!!!

We've visited 30+ churches in the 6 months we've been on furlough. Praise God as Joanna's mom came & spent 7 weeks at our house overseeing the boys and Georgi in our absence. We have several more meetings upcoming before we return, leaving little time to visit family. Please pray we will be able to connect with our personal family & more church families during these remaining weeks. We're waiting on our new letterhead to send out our update DVD's & new prayer cards to the supporting churches we were unable to visit. We thank you for understanding the situation we faced with this abbreviated furlough & our kids being in Christian school.

God blessed during November & December! We took part in several great mission conferences where

decisions were made for full time service. A church in NJ specifically invited us to share our vision & passion for Greece with them. We were greatly blessed by their response & commitment. Joanna was able to take part in our home church's "Messiah" cantata, singing two solos. Several people were saved at the invitation following both performances! We were blessed to interact with many of the students at Faithway Baptist College in Canada during several chapels & Q&A's. Pray God will continue to lead and call young people to the mission field!

Joanna and I went with a group from our home church to a PA State Prison Christmas service. She sang & I preached a very pointed message on following Christ. I surrendered to ministry during a service at this prison in 2000 and taught a Bible study there for 5 years. Though the attendance was lighter than in years past, the Gospel was presented & a challenge to choose godly living was issued!

We enjoyed a special Thanksgiving with Joanna's mom & brother at their new house in SC. We were able to bring Claire down from Bible college in CT for several days so we were all together. It was a memorable time to reflect on the blessings of family and for all God has given us.

We thank you for your prayers & faithful support. Δόξα στο Θεώ!

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