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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE



Prayer Requests:

- ❖ *Beginning advanced Greek language classes @ Greek/American Union in the fall.*
- ❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.
- ❖ Praise! The Lord provided a great house perfect for family & ministry.
- ❖ Grace while our family is separated until June.
- ❖ Adjustment to life in Athens for our boys; protection for Claire & Georgi working summer in PA- both attending NEBC in fall 2018.
- ❖ New Greek believer's Bible study planning mtg. 4/18/18
- ❖ Wisdom for timing to begin home church meetings. Late fall target date.
- ❖ Pray for new contacts in Kifisia & Marousi areas. Several already established- follow up & cont'd growth.
- ❖ Please pray for our ZBBC family & ministry friends in Athens- Dimakos, Tsirozidis, Sinde, & Toskidis Families.
- ❖ Aletheas Faros Radio- Greeks to listen worldwide;
- ❖ Salvation- Lena & fiance- Kostas & family; Kostas & Vasso; Antonia & Vassilli; K. Maria; Many church members family & friends.

Happenings

Joanna and I returned to Greece on March 1 to begin the moving process & house hunt. Everything went according to plan with packing, allowing us to go quickly to Athens to house hunt. Using online real estate sites, there were very few meeting our needs in the area we hoped for. We began viewing several in the area bordering Marousi called Kifisia and soon found a house perfect for our family & ministry needs. It is quite roomy & has a large downstairs room we plan to convert for use as a home church beginning in the fall. The Kifisia Metro station is a 5 minute walk up the street which makes it accessible for visitors from other parts of Athens. We pray God will use & protect our home for use in many areas of ministry.

One of the reasons for our early furlough was to clear my passport in order to receive the visa I need to apply for Greek residency. We met with our lawyer soon after arriving in Athens to review the plan and paperwork. After a week of visiting government offices, we have all the necessary documents in order. I am scheduled to file my application on May 30. Please pray everything will proceed accordingly for my application, & temporary residency to be issued at that meeting. I should receive my 5 year permit soon after!

As I remain in Greece preparing the house & helping in 2 existing ministries for two months, Joanna returned to PA to finish the school year with our boys & help Georgianna transition in preparation for Bible college in the fall. We praise God for her choice to follow in Claire's footsteps at New England Baptist College. The boys will arrive with Joanna on June 4 and begin a whole new phase of life & ministry in Athens. Please pray for our children as they adjust, and for Joanna as she handles family responsibilities in the States.

Praise the Lord, I will graduate from Virginia Baptist College in May with a master degree in Missions. Education is very esteemed in Greece, and while everything I've learned is completely practical & applicable to the work, in some Greek eyes, the degree gives me validation as a serious "man of God". All glory to God for getting my family & I through years of education in order to be better prepared for serving Christ on the field.

Pray for wisdom as I work with several Greeks in creating a Bible study designed to connect Scripture truth with the Greek identity. Finding their way in a Baptist church is difficult for many Greek believers as the community is rather small.

Thanks for your support & Prayers!

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