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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE



Happenings

Prayer Requests:

- ❖ *Beginning advanced Greek language classes @ Greek/American Union in the fall.*
- ❖ Greeks to seek the Lord.
- ❖ Praise! Michael received initial residency permit.
- ❖ Praise! Joanna & boys arrived 6/5!
- ❖ Adjustment to life in Athens for our boys; protection for Claire & Georgi working this summer in PA.
- ❖ Koukla Kids Camp on Zakynthos 7/1-7/7.
- ❖ New church launch services to begin 11/18/18!
- ❖ Pray for new contacts in Kifisia & Marousi areas. Several already established-follow up & cont'd growth.
- ❖ Please pray for our fellow laborers here: Korianitis, Dimakos, Tsirozidis, Sinde, & Toskidis Families.
- ❖ Aletheas Faros Radio-Greeks to listen worldwide.
- ❖ Cont'd decisions among the refugees at Voice of Truth.
- ❖ Salvation- Lena & fiance-Kostas & family; Yanni & Lotti; Many church members family & friends.
- Health- Erin L./ cancer; Ricky W./ recovery aneurism.

What a busy 2 months its been since our last update! Our furlough came to an official end when Joanna & the boys returned to Greece on 6/5. I had remained in Athens helping @ 2 churches and preparing our house-unpacking, painting, & assembling furniture, to provide a smooth transition for everyone. We're settled in & focusing on becoming established in the community. Pray the boys make friends & we continue to meet people and establish relationships we can cultivate to build a church. Please pray for our girls as they work & head to school in the fall-Claire back to NEBC & Georgi begins the nursing program at PCC.

Circumstances have opened a short-term ministry opportunity for me. A fellow missionary & friend suffered a heart attack in late April which, though serious, is also proving to be a blessing. Seeing the need within the ministry, I felt led to commit to helping at Athens Baptist Bible Church & the Persian refugee outreach center, Voice of Truth. Bro. Dimakos has given me almost weekly preaching opportunities in English & Greek in the church, and regularly preaching the gospel to 100+ Persian refugees who fill the center whenever the doors are open. God has allowed me to lead 6 to Christ over the past several weeks! I also help teach the basic discipleship class to new believers, which is a

requirement before baptism. We've recently baptized over 30 new believers. As many of these Christians will move on to other European countries, it is our prayer they're committed & grounded in faith, will share it with others, and join Baptist churches wherever God leads them. Please pray for the Voice of Truth ministry as there are many needs associated with the outreach center.

We have made several good contacts who've expressed interest in attending at least one service or Bible study at a new Baptist church. Greeks usually ask what I do here, opening the door for me to witness. I always try to find an area in their lives that I can address with biblical truth & offer some hope for victory. Marriage, parenting, and building a strong family are among the topics for our initial Bible studies. God crossed our paths with a young Greek woman who is also a believer. She desires to help us get started and will begin discipleship / Bible studies with Joanna & I very soon. We're also praying the Greek language classes I begin in October at a university downtown will provide great opportunity to reach others. We've identified November 18th as our official church launch service. We're planning to begin in our home. Please pray for wisdom & God's direction.

Thanks for your support & Prayers!

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