



CHURCH PLANTING IN ATHENS, GREECE



Prayer Requests

- ☑ Revival in Greece!
- ☑ Spiritual & numeric growth of new Bible studies.
- ☑ Church launch in our home on 11/18/18! Pray for invitees to come & relationships to be strengthened.
- ☑ Resources to continue purchase of chairs, tables, A/V equipment. *Praise-God directed us to a music store close out on a 2 channel amp to use as a PA!
- ☑ Michael begins university level language classes 10/16.
- ☑ Beginning Bible Study w/ believers on the island of Syros in October. Pray for wisdom, direction & resources for this to become a monthly study.
- ☑ Spiritual protection for our family & fellow laborers in Greece. Satan is attacking as God continues to bless.
- ☑ Pray for our children: Claire & Georgianna at Bible colleges in USA; Micah & John homeschool in GR & acclimation to life in Athens; More friends.

September was a busy & exciting month! We began our 1st in home Bible study with 3 attending. I decided to begin teaching God's plan for the local church in the lives of believers. We are continuing along this theme and have a young man from the island of Syros joining us via Skype for the studies. Pray the growth of these believers.

God continues to bless at the Voice of Truth Refugee Center. It has been a great blessing to see hundreds saved & baptized in the months I have been assisting at VoT. The number of refugees attending preaching services & Bible studies has continued to rise, new classes have been added during the week, and more meals are served. We have had as many as 200 for the Friday night preaching service, which is capacity for the building. Pray for the sale of the adjoining building to VoT to be completed & rehab work started so this vital ministry to Persian peoples can continue to grow & disciple new believers.

The Greek Immigration Office finally accepted all of Michael's necessary documents and is processing his 5 year residency permit! A 1 year permit was issued in May to allow time to obtain a "current" marriage certificate & buy Greek health insurance despite having full international coverage. Our attorney said it may take until next summer for the permit to be issued because of the backlog of immigrants / refugees who've come to Greece recently. Praise God for seeing the process through & thanks to all who prayed this through!

With residency in hand, Michael attended the 2 day European Spiritual Leadership Conference in Romania. It was a profitable time of instruction & encouragement. The sessions covered a range of topics pertinent to church planting & leading a Baptist church, as well as providing a chance to fellowship with pastors & missionaries we have met through the years. He also had several great witnessing opportunities while traveling. We're praying for several who heard the Gospel & received tracts with our contact information.

Please continue to pray for our boys. Life in Athens is proving to be more of an adjust than we anticipated. After spending a full year in our church academy on furlough, the return to homeschooling has been difficult. Also, keep Michael in prayer as he begins new Greek language classes, plans for 2 short-term groups visiting in 2019, and as we continue to build relationships to launch a church in November!