



CHURCH PLANTING IN ATHENS, GREECE



Prayer Requests

- Revival in Greece!
- Praise- Secured new house!
Pray for financial resources & wisdom for cost of moving HTG & AC equipment. Return of deposit from landlord.
- Praise- Secured property for outreach center! Bible studies begin there in May. Acceptance in the area.
- Pray for resources to obtain necessary equipment for meeting room / classroom. Pray non-profit recognition will proceed quickly.
- TEFL English Certification is progressing well. Pray for wisdom regarding pricing for English instruction. Many associate free / low cost w/ inferior instruction.
- Continued growth of Thursday night Bible study.
- Greek classes continue to go well. Relationships continue to be made & strengthened.
- Pray for: Anne; Sylvester; Aphrodite (work); Visiting team (6/16-24); follow up w/ several regarding new Bible studies, esp. in Greek.

February was a busy month of ministry as we prepared for the arrival of a short-term team from a supporting church. There were many details to see to while we were also in the process of searching for a new house. To say this group was a blessing is an understatement! From the day we met at the airport until we said goodbye, these folks poured themselves into the work & our hearts. I had close to 15K pieces of literature ready & believed we had enough on-hand. We distributed 10K in the first 2 days! By the end of the week we had put out roughly 15K in the focus area we'll be starting the outreach center. We then went to the city of Patra to distribute literature, assisting a Greek national pastor there, handing out another 4K tracts & Faros papers. The next week, we evangelized several areas of downtown Athens & worked at the refugee center. In all, we distributed close to 25K tracts & info cards. We received several calls asking about the Bible studies before they left! We praise the Lord for Lighthouse Baptist Church & their wonderful team who passionately served the Lord & blessed everyone they came into contact with.

Our sending pastor, wife & daughter visited for a week in March & the timing couldn't have been better. Joanna and I were searching for a new house, without success when they arrived. God used their visit to encourage us as we showed them the direction God is leading. They looked at houses with us & were there when we found one for which we just signed a 3 year contract! We're now moving 2 blocks up the same street! (Moving costs are expensive & we're stretched. Pray God continues to meet the needs.) We also enjoyed several ministry opportunities as Pastor Wendal preached at Voice of Truth (3 people believed!) & at our current church in Chalandri.

During their visit we also found 2 rental storefronts suitable for use as an outreach point in the Marousi area of Athens. After much prayer & counsel, we have decided on a unit. It is 2 floors with enough room for a classroom, office, & a small fellowship area. We're working on establishing a non-profit entity to operate an English school & community center under. We take possession of the unit in May and will immediately move our Thursday evening Bible study there. Please pray for God's provision as we renovate the space & procure necessary items such as a whiteboard, projector, wall monitor, 4 armchairs, 2 small tables, & related equipment. We couldn't be more excited!