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**CHURCH PLANTING IN
ATHENS, GREECE**



Prayer Requests

- Revival in Greece!
- Pray for God's clear direction in establishing the church.
- Pray for wisdom regarding what to do with nonprofit company.
- Pray- We still have need of financial resources to complete building rehab work (electrical; wall repair; floors) and to purchase remaining necessities: 55" monitor, 5 custom window shades, sofa, table, chairs, desktop monitor, printer.
- Pray as we start midweek Bible study & for Sunday services. Pray the switch over to becoming a church will go quickly.
- Pray for: Aphrodite (praise-health & job stable); Bro. Dimakos (health); Sylvia, Eddy, Stella & boys (salvation); John (new school in Athens); Michael preaching in Netherlands (travel & possible support); Follow up with the several people who have said they will come for studies / services when we begin.

My brother & fellow Greek missionary, Takis Korianitis, asked me recently, "What did God call you to do?" My answer- "Plant churches." To which he replied, "Then start a church." We thought we were on our way to that but God has changed the path. After months of meetings & paperwork, we finally received the nonprofit company license. The next step was obtaining bank accounts for the Christian center. After weeks of completing applications, amassing verification info, and follow up meetings, we have been declined accounts by 4 banks. The tax situation here is such that we must maintain separation from personal & ministry finances. We seemed to be at a standstill until Takis asked his question. He then reminded me that since the church he planted on Zakynthos is registered in Greece, they can annex us as a church plant. And just like that, God is opening another door for us to proceed- as a church rather than a Christian "center". Please pray this process will proceed quickly & smoothly. Pray also for wisdom as we decide whether to dissolve the nonprofit. Pray as we continue working on the building despite the bank issue. Opening as a church under the umbrella of Zakynthos Bible Baptist will protect us legally & with tax issues. So, in all this PLEASE PRAY! We so desire to begin services ASAP but there is still much to do!

Earlier this year, our family struggled. The attempt to start a home church was not received the way we'd hoped. Micah asked to finish HS at our home church academy and God provided, but John was still struggling to make friends. His Greek is good but not good enough for public school, so private school was our only option. We found a school close to home which he's begun, however, it's expensive. PTL- we had savings to cover the year but with the building expenses, legal, & accounting work, we're struggling to finance the remaining building needs & purchase necessities needed to provide a facility affirming our love & commitment to the Lord. We believe the rented space is the better way to proceed for a church plant. Culturally speaking, it is imperative the building be polished & comfortable. We praise God for your partnership and if your church is able to provide additional resources to help complete the work, it would be a great blessing as we launch a new Baptist church in Marousi. Please designate any funds as "Building / Equipment" to our BIMI account. We've included some pictures of the building & we're working to complete a short video walk through. Thank you for your faithful support, love, and prayers.



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