



## CHURCH PLANTING IN ATHENS, GREECE



### Prayer Requests

- ☑ Revival in Greece!
- ☑ Pray- Bank account processing for the Center. We must have accounts for tax purposes.
- ☑ Pray- Rehab work at the Center to be done ASAP to begin studies / classes in September.
- ☑ Pray- We still have need of resources for furniture, A/V equipment, & other necessities. PTL- we have chairs & tables for studies & some office equipment.
- ☑ Wisdom & resources regarding a new vehicle.
- ☑ Pray- Thursday Bible study & for Sunday afternoon study starting in September.
- ☑ Pray for: Sylvester (papers); Aphrodite (work, health need); Bro. Dimakos (health); Stella & boys (salvation & chance to tutor boys for English); Our kids as they return to school: Claire- Senior @ NEBC in CT; Georgi- Sophomore @ PCC in FL; Micah- HS senior in PA; John 8th grade @ Int. School of Athens.

The last months have been busy ones! We spent many hours with our lawyer & accountant getting paperwork together and filed to start the nonprofit entity we must operate under. Praise God, everything went well and we received the licenses. Hope Christian Center is now officially recognized, allowing us to begin meetings as soon as the building is ready. After a seemingly easy process starting the NGO, we've had difficulty starting bank accounts for the Center. The Greek government heavily regulates banks making them leery of nonprofit business accounts. Fortunately, our personal bank is willing to consider the accounts but we've had to submit loads of info, including documents needing to be notarized at the US Embassy. Please pray they grant us the accounts soon as we must keep the Center's & our personal funds separate due to Greek tax implications.

We hosted a short-term team of 25 from Community Baptist in VA in June to help with more literature distribution & work on the building. Moving a large group through Athens during tourist season seemed daunting but God blessed as we got out roughly 12k tracts & info cards in the area near the Center. A team of men painted the walls & completed other work at the Center as well. Joanna and the ladies also hosted a luncheon for refugee women at the Voice of Truth / Athens Bible Baptist Church, where we also helped serve during two of their outreach services & saw 3 saved! We praise God for the sweet spirit and personal investment the team members exhibited daily. Several people have contacted us regarding Bible studies because of their efforts. Pray more will contact us and come to a Bible study.

We recently had the privilege to be part of the BIMI European field conference held here in Athens. It was a great week getting to know more missionary families & be reminded were all serving on tough fields requiring much time & investment. God blessed with a great time of refreshment through the preaching of His Word & fellowship.

Athenians flee the city during July & August for vacation. Still, the cults are out on the streets daily. I recently engaged some Mormons (mostly Americans) in conversation which led to me inviting them to a Bible study, which they agreed to come. Pray with us as we look forward to how God will work in this "closed" study. We continue to be on the streets downtown & at the Metro stations with tracts & other literature as we share the Gospel of Christ. Thanks for praying!