



## CHURCH PLANTING IN ATHENS, GREECE



### Prayer Requests

- Revival in Greece!
- Please pray for more contacts and more people to attend studies & services.
- Pray for us to continue to build & strengthen relationships with the many people we've met & invited to church.
- Praise!!! Several churches responded to our plea for financial assistance to finish the building & offset the startup costs. We still have need but God is providing in His time through His faithful servants.
- Pray for our services: Wednesday Bible Study & Sunday Evening Service. Attenders, wisdom w/ messages & study focuses.
- Pray for: Aphrodite (our friend & translator: needs a new computer); Bro. Dimakos (health); Sylvia, Eddy, Stella & boys, Greek school classmates (salvation); Our children w/ schooling. Contacts to come to church: Martha, Faith, Angela, Estella, Cristina, & Hans.

October was a busy month! We set a start date for Bible studies on the 23rd which required many days (and quite a few late nights!) of work to finish painting and putting the finishing touches on the building. Several churches provided funds allowing us to purchase the blinds and furniture we needed to begin. During the weeks leading up the start, we continually reached out to the contacts we established in the months of literature distribution and evangelism, to invite as many people as people to our first Bible study. Joanna and I finished the prep work the day before the start, and on the 23rd we had the first Wednesday Midweek Bible Study at Hope Christian Center. Several Christian friends came, giving us a total attendance of 14. It was a good start as the message & prayer of dedication focused on God's desire to shine the light of the Gospel through this dark land. We've had several more studies since with at least one visitor each time but one. We know this is a long, slow process but we're glad to be up & running and trust God will bless as we follow Him.

After meeting with our lawyer & accountant (yet again), we decided to continue to operate under the nonprofit company we've established. We have learned we can operate a "church" using the nonprofit building as a meeting place. There are certain conditions we must follow but we believe this is the best move at this juncture rather than a formal partnership with our faithful friends at Zakynthos Bible Baptist, which would require additional paperwork & costs. That said, we've added a Sunday evening service as we move toward establishing Hope Baptist Church in the Marousi area. We felt it important to have Sunday meetings in order to present ourselves as a "church" in the eyes of the community. Please continue to pray for new visitors as we advertise, create new literature, and make new connections.

While all this was happening, Michael preached in Holland at the church of a fellow missionary. They blessed us with a generous gift to help finish the building. We also continue to serve at the church in Chalandri. Michael was asked to give evangelism training to the youth group & found one young lady, Victoria, was not truly saved. After carefully going through the plan of salvation with her, she prayed to receive Christ! Michael is now teaching this group how to develop a consistent daily walk & how to effectively study the Bible. Thank you for your prayers & faithful financial support. We're ever grateful.



**October 23, 2019**

**First Bible Study @**

**Hope Christian  
Center of Marousi**



**New Believer-  
Victoria**

