



CHURCH PLANTING IN ATHENS, GREECE



Prayer Requests

- Revival in Greece!
- Please pray for more contacts and more people to attend studies & services.
- Wisdom in literature distribution; online outreach; connecting w/ the community.
- Restrictions to be modified to allow for more people in our building & for opportunities to organize larger outreaches.
- Pray for our services: Wednesday Bible Study & Sunday Evening Service. Praise! We've officially started Sunday morning services.
- Pray for: Continued impact in our community; Teaching English opportunities & outreaches. Contacts to come to church: Martha, Vassiliki, Eleni, Hans, Clinton & family, Yiorgo, Sylvia, Mark, & Mally.
- Furlough ministry: Decisions to proceed; ticket changes; housing; vehicle; meetings.

We were due to leave May 8 for America to see 2 of our children graduate college & HS. Of course, this hasn't happened. The graduations have been postponed & travel is difficult to say the least. We continue to pray we will be able to come to the States to do some reporting & see our children. Please pray we can come for a brief time to help with new life stages, see family, & visit at least a few churches.

Greece has done a great job managing the virus. The infection / mortality rate here is very low as they got in front of it at the right time. The government has started lifting restrictions: businesses & schools are scheduled to open again; movement is less regulated; and public gatherings have been scheduled to begin again later this month. Unfortunately, the guidelines they've instituted for public worship services is stifling. We are allowed 1 person per every 10 sq. meters of auditorium floor space. Our facility is small- about 470 sq. feet. Our "auditorium" has 18 chairs that are now comfortably situated. Based on these regulations, we can have 2 people in our auditorium! It is written in the regulation that there can be no more than 1 chair per 10 sq/m. Just Joanna & I in the building puts us at capacity. We have a loft space overlooking the auditorium which can seat 2 more. The fellowship area will give us an additional 2. Please pray for wisdom as we seek creative ways to seat people for services & avoid fines.

We, like most ministries, have been live streaming our services & Bible studies on social media. We're encouraged by the response we've had both here in Greece & in other locations. Covid-19 has forced churches & ministries to adapt how we're ministering to people now and into the future. Please join me in praying for new & creative ways for us to get the Gospel to the Athens area that will be relevant and impacting to our culture. We're modestly investing in better video & audio production tools to present high quality, modern online services we hope will attract & engage people from across various segments of the community. Lord willing, this will help us establish contacts & bring people to our location if, and when, restrictions have been loosened. Our Facebook page is @Elpida4U 'Hope Christian Center'

Finally, please pray for us as parents, especially Joanna. Separation at such a difficult time is hard for us & the kids. As always, we thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We are privileged to serve God together with you to see the Gospel preached and Christ glorified.