



**CHURCH PLANTING IN
ATHENS, GREECE**



Prayer Requests

- ☑ Revival in Greece!
- ☑ Traveling back to Greece on September 2nd & restarting Bible studies & services September 6th.
- ☑ Praise & glory to God for a safe and profitable furlough.
- ☑ Pray for Claire as she transitions to life in Athens: safe travel on September 11; securing an online teaching job; and beginning her graduate studies soon.
- ☑ Pray for our son Michael: wisdom & direction regarding school; living situation in PA; adjusting to adult life & responsibilities; spiritual growth.
- ☑ Please continue to pray God would provide resources to cover the cost of John's school in Athens. We were able to earn some extra funds to help offset the costs while in the US but we would like to retire the debt quickly & begin saving for next year's tuition ASAP.
- ☑ Salvation: Clinton & family; Growth of Hope Baptist Church; eased restrictions.

After completely changing our plans & rebooking our tickets, we were able to begin our brief furlough on June 17th. Unfortunately, we had to miss Micah's HS graduation because of the changes. We hit the ground running, presenting our ministry the 1st week to a church in CT who added us to their missions family! Because of COVID restrictions, some of our scheduled update meetings were cancelled but several had us "in" for meetings via ZOOM. Throughout the summer, we were able to, in person or online, update 10 churches over 10 weeks. We hadn't been in several of these churches since early in deputation 7-8 years ago. God blessed us with easy & safe travels, sweet fellowship, and great encouragement to continue the work in Athens. Pray as we return September 3rd & get busy preaching!!!

Part of this abbreviated furlough was meant to give us time to help our children into new stages of life. Micah (he prefers Michael now) completed HS but isn't sure what career path he wants to follow. His senior year was made more difficult because of COVID & separation from us. After much prayer & counsel, he is settling into full-time work and will begin part-time community college classes. He has volunteered to intern in the media department of our sending church & hopes to complete a degree in Mass Media. Pray he will grow spiritually during a time many young people drift from church.

We're pleased to announce our recent college grad, Claire, will be returning to Athens on September 12th! After much prayer (and encouragement from Dad), she has decided to pursue her master degree in Christian Ed online, teach English part-time online, and most importantly, help us grow the ministry of our church. Claire's musical abilities, leadership, and godly attitude will be a help as we seek to connect with Millennials and younger couples. Pray for her travels & a quick adjustment back to the "Greek life".

Sleeping in strange beds threw my back out, requiring a chiropractic adjustment. A friend recommended one, who happens to be Greek. My friend has seen him for years & has been a faithful witness- even bringing him to church several times. John squeezed me in & during the visit, I went through the plan of salvation and knew he was ready. My friend had an appointment the next day, and I wanted him to be the one to lead John to Christ. John K. was saved that day & sent a note to us praising God & committing to have his kids in church!