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**CHURCH PLANTING IN
ATHENS, GREECE**



Prayer Requests

- ☑ Revival in Greece!
- ☑ COVID restrictions will be eased allowing us full use of our facility. Cases / fatalities in Greece are increasing.
- ☑ More visitors and new connections. Patience as we wait upon God to provide the increase.
- ☑ Michael's upcoming heel surgery Nov. 11. Pray this will remedy the problem completely & restore Michael's ability to walk / stand pain free.
- ☑ Please continue to pray for our children: Claire beginning grad classes @ VBC; Georgi @ PCC; Michael working in PA; John's school to remain virus free.
- ☑ Pray for wisdom & resources as we search for a new vehicle & continue to pray for resources to help meet John's tuition for school here in Athens.
- ☑ Clinton & family; Growth of Hope Baptist Church; impact & exposure in & around our community.

Patience! As we approach our church's 1 year anniversary, we remind ourselves yet again how important patience is to establishing a new church, especially in Greece. While we continue to be warmly received by people as church planters, few have come for services or studies. Many veteran missionary friends have shared with us about the difficult early days of their ministries and the struggles they faced to stay the course. In this we find encouragement & resolve to persist with patience. While we desire a "full house" every Sunday, we're committed to God's will and our obedience to faithfully follow Him. **PRAY** we will continue to make new connections and build relationships, especially with people in our life stage & young families. Greece has tightened gathering restrictions again, even more than when the lockdown ended. As of now, we cannot have more than 2 people in our church meeting area. **PRAY** restrictions will loosen soon & for our patience to endure this season of planting seed.

Our son John's school was recently closed again after several people tested positive for the virus. Please pray, first for those affected, but also that this will not be a reoccurring problem. Classes are being held online, but John thrives in the classroom setting & we've sacrificed much to get him into this international school. The virus has severely limited our ability to meet his classmates families & teachers as the school is asking people to limit personal interaction.

Michael's persistent foot pain was hampering his ability to walk for longer periods / distances, which is necessary to evangelize our area. A large heel spur was discovered to be the problem and he will finally be having surgery to restore his mobility & alleviate the pain. Thankfully, the surgeon believes he can clean the area without detaching the Achilles, allowing for a much quicker recovery. Thank you for praying for the surgery on Nov. 11 & a speedy recovery.

God led us to a man in our neighborhood whom Michael is slowly developing a good relationship with. They've been meeting for coffee & "hanging out", usually leading to spiritual discussions. Please pray for more opportunity to grow our relationship with he & his family.

Please pray as we seek wisdom & resources to purchase a new vehicle. We need an automatic, (Joanna isn't comfortable with a manual, which are more rare here. Pray we find one in good shape, at a good price.