



Dear Praying Friends,

Since our last contact we have been kept busy and time is flying past as usual! Now we are deep in summer and the weather is very warm most days and not cooling off so well at night! Still so far there have been no huge forest fires, for which we are thankful.

Results of a Frazzled Economy!

Greece has been displayed before you all many times because of the economic crisis, so there has been no excuse not to pray for this needy land! At the moment, things are a little easier because of the fact that it is tourist season, but winter will be hard on many people, who are already stretched beyond their resources or who have lost jobs as a result of shutdowns.

A few weeks back, we had a fuel strike from the refineries, which resulted in chaos throughout the country. Petrol stations were closed because they had no fuel, shops were getting empty as there were no deliveries, tourists could not return home from holidays as there was no fuel for their cars, hotels had to throw them out at the end of their stay to allow the new guests in and they had no where to go. Buses and trains were not operating, people could not be picked up from the airport and only cars using LPG were able to keep going, although the stations were closed so even that was hard to buy. Garbage was not being collected and in a hot country that quickly makes problems. The president ordered the workers back, but until they realized they were losing public sympathy by making life so hard, they would not return. Slowly the country is returning to normal, but of course they have had many losses as a result, which in turn doesn't help the economy.

The one positive thing we can say is people are becoming interested in reading the Bible, or asking deep questions in an attempt to find out why things are happening as they are. It seems the more desperate we get, the happier we are to turn to God for help!

Recounting a Fantastic Experience!

The trip to Israel, which we had dreamed about for decades, finally became a reality and will remain entrenched in our memories. Crossing this incredible country North to South and East to West over a 10 day period made it possible to:

- stand in the Sea of Galilee,
- float in the Dead Sea,
- snorkel in the Red Sea and
- visit Mt Carmel, Nazareth, Capernaum, Gethsemane, The Garden Tomb, Bethlehem and much more!

We had the opportunity to study and share God's Word in many of the biblical sites and often had the joy of spreading the Gospel to both tourists and Israelis. Please pray for:

- **Mor** – an ex-military girl who is a security guard – still awaiting the Messiah
- **Leat** – a Kibbutz helper who can't believe in God because the Israelis suffer so much
- **Sue and Chris, son Chris and grandma**– an English family, whom we met 4 times in different areas of the country. Sue is seeking and her son Chris said after the third meeting, 'if we meet again, I am going to get born again.' We trust he will!
- **5 Mormon students** - studying at the Brigham Young University, Jerusalem. They were only allowed by the Israeli government if they promised not to speak of their faith while there.
- **Another young girl** originally from Georgia, but doing her Israeli army duty to be allowed to stay. She was witnessed to often by John & ourselves and was reading through the New Testament.

We know many of you were praying for us throughout the trip and we had an incredible time. Yet, although we enjoyed seeing all the ancient sites and reflecting on the fact that we were walking on Biblical ground, what impressed us the most by far was seeing what God is still doing among the Israeli people today!!!

- Visiting the Palestinian city of Bethlehem, barricaded behind 8m high walls of concrete, we were thrilled to see God is at work! **12 evangelical churches** – each with 80-200 people – still growing and seeing God's blessing! **The Bethlehem Bible College** has 99 Palestinian students and is turning out young men and women to serve God in the local community every year. They help local people facing poverty through providing food,



Examining
the Torah



Bethlehem Bible
College



Jamal and David

clothing and work. Brother Andrew has a special room called 'Smuggler's Inn' in the college, where he sleeps when he is working with Islamic peoples in this area.

- While at Liberty University in 2000 we had met up with **Jamal** a young student who had come to know Jesus while at LU. We had no correspondence with him since, but somehow hoped to meet, (optimism or faith?) God had it all worked out and Jamal was visiting the Bible College for an examination in translation and tourism, just at the time we were in the place!!! This is more than coincidence; this is God at work, while simply remaining anonymous!!
- Another great work is being done in Eilat on the Egyptian border by **John and Judy Pex**, who run a backpackers hostel called, '**The Shelter.**' Their zeal and enthusiasm for sharing the gospel is infectious and parents whose kids have 'run off' often phone John who seeks them out and brings them to the Shelter. Over the years people from all over the world have found Christ as Savior, gone home changed people and church plants have sprung up as a result. Please pray for their son Jonathan who has not yet accepted Christ for himself.

Time and space doesn't permit more, but we do sincerely thank Peter & Els for making it all possible!

Receiving a Firm Encouragement!

We have been visiting this fellowship in **Gevgelija**, F.Y.R.O.Macedonia several times since our return, including once with **Stephen** and **Alan** from Northern Ireland, who arrived right after our Israel trip and finished off our wall plastering and a few other jobs. Thanks guys!!

After one recent visit David was asked would he like to return the following Sunday as some of the recent believers were requesting **baptism**. Originally, 4 or 5 people were to be baptized but when it actually came to the day, we were thrilled that 12 candidates had put themselves forward for baptism and although the water in the mountain stream was rather chilly, they each gave testimony before being immersed. The sense of God's presence was real and David had great liberty preaching.

Recently, this fellowship has been reaching out to **the Market place** in the town centre with many good conversations and only a little opposition!! They also commenced a **second service** in an outlying village on Sunday nights and are seeing growth and blessing in that venture too. Remember to pray that they will keep close to the Lord in their daily walk!

Rekindling a Flickering Enthusiasm!

As you know, the fellowship in **Bitola** has been one of our most visited assemblies for the past 6 years. Recent personality conflicts, unemployment, poor health and poverty have knocked the hearts out of many of the people, causing them to bicker and lack unity. **Olive Wilson** has finally received her visa for at least 6 months, and will need your prayers for wisdom and strength, as she returns to try and help the situation there. The fellowship as a whole, really need to get back to basics and experience God's blessing anew. This 3 month in and 3 month out policy that most missionaries have is not ideal in helping a struggling group, but thankfully does not affect us as we travel in and out.

Resuming our Friendship Evangelism!

We are not short of opportunities to evangelize in homes, firms and at the local open-air market every Thursday morning. As those relationships deepen, pray that not only will more people hear about, but they will get to know Jesus! In one of the **local council offices**, David had a half-hour of sharing the Gospel and giving testimony with the workers. He has been invited back again to share some more. Every couple of weeks David has opportunity to speak at the **Residential Home for the Elderly** and the old folks just love him coming. He also has been doing **pulpit supply** in Thessalonica for friends who have been on holidays. Can we ask you to pray for **Johann, an 85 year old** who knows he is not ready to die, but has lung cancer and now only half a lung left? He has had a heart attack and needs to be saved! David has been sharing the gospel with him.

Please continue to remember **Marina** who runs a hotel and is still searching. Recently, we were asked to give **200 New Testaments** to be used for outreach by the local church, so we ask that you pray they will be used effectively and read enquiringly.



Baptism in Gevgelija



Johan

Remembering a Fortunate Exhibition!

Coming home from the nearby town of Katerini, David stared in amazement as two ladies on an oncoming motorcycle, busily engaged in conversation, suddenly cut out across his pathway at an intersection! Too late, they started to brake and the scooter went out of control, dumping both ladies on the road inches from our car, which David somehow managed to stop! Both were shaken but unhurt, and a local Christian girl who witnessed it all, helped them get sorted. When Wilma told two of our boys about 'two ladies falling for their dad,' their first question was, 'Yeah, on which road?' Not easily fooled! Seriously though, a lapse in concentration could have turned this near miss into a tragedy! Thanks for praying for safety on the road! Some people are RFA (Ready for Anything), as you will note from our letters we often have to be RFE (Ready for Everything) 1Thess 5:18!

Restoration is Finally Ending!

In the midst of all the ministry opportunities, it is not easy to get time for finishing the house, but we know people must take first priority. However, the tiling in both hallways and stairways is now finished and after some painting and decorating work, it will be time to finally put furniture and fittings into the rooms. David will be thrilled, to eventually have an office for study and place for his books. We have quite a few guests expected in the next few weeks and a lot of traveling so it will continue to be busy but blessed!

Wilma's ankle has been improving monthly. She has been able to walk regularly and exercise it, but it will take time to return to full use. Still, she is very thankful for the movement she has, for being able to be mobile and doing most things again, albeit somewhat slower meantime!! Thanks for praying!

Reconnecting with Family Excitedly!

This Dec/Jan we intend to be with our family in the USA, before returning to N. Ireland and Scotland for short periods respectively, getting vehicle tests done, visiting doctors and reloading with supplies for next year. We are looking forward not only to spending time with the boys and their wives, but the five grand daughters and Jon Marc and Jennifer's new wee boy, who will be less than two months old when we arrive. We will take opportunities to speak and share in services and hope to visit with friends and prayer partners as well. Just to let you know well in advance, our address for Christmas letters will be, c/o Iain Lyttle, 206 Twin Oaks Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502, USA, although we will have another letter out to you before that time.

Many thanks for your prayers and support, your emails and letters and we trust you are having a blessed summer!

Relying on Our Father Eternally!

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