

# MIZPAH OUTREACH

Prayer Letter #106  
November/December 2010



## Dear Praying Friends,

When did summer disappear? One moment ago (or so it seems) it was 40°C and suddenly, it's down below 15°C. Brrrr! From scorching sun we went to torrential rain, which often forgets to stop!! Aaagh!! Did we have autumn or have we skipped directly to winter? Very unusual, but no matter what the weather, we have been thankful for the showers of blessing He sends!

Life has been extremely busy with us traveling three weekends out of every four to FYROMacedonia plus, by necessity, some additional midweek visits. Also, in recent weeks, we have had lots and lots of visitors – who contributed to the finishing touches on the house, went on ministry trips with us or both, and we deeply appreciate that!

**Neil**, Wilma's brother, helped David build a wall to stop the neighbour's garden running into ours, (very necessary with all this unexpected rain), while **Kath** sewed curtains and chair covers, which add to the homeliness of the place. **John & Anne Patterson**, actually overlapped their holiday with **Martin & Sharon Bell**, and all had opportunity to visit friends in some of the fellowships, where both men were asked to speak. These visits were greatly appreciated by the believers, who count it quite an honour to have our guests come over. It is good for the MK folks to see the people who pray for them, and helps us all to pray more intelligently when we can put a face to a request.

## Disturbed Lassie – only Jesus can Satisfy!

Some weeks ago we were attending the Leptokarya Bible Conference and ended up as chauffeur to the main speakers for several days. While doing that task, we met, 'God-incidentally,' **Esther**, a German girl, who we knew many years ago, when her family came to Greece for holidays. This year she came with her husband and kids and sought us out to talk to, but she is very far from the Lord and really needs your prayer. Having overcome personal drug addiction, she feels she has no need for God and looks upon the Christian message as a crutch for the weak, although on the other hand, she is immensely proud of those in her family who are serving the Lord. She is nursing multiple hurts, has built up so many walls, and only God can break through these barriers.

God uses all kinds of situations to give us opportunity to witness for Him. Recently, a neighbour was having his sewage tanks emptied and David got talking to the tank driver. It turned out **Theo** used to go to church, but is no longer attending and realizes he has an empty void in his life. He now has **three children** and knows they are missing out too! He talked a while and took literature with him to read.

## Dog's Life – but only Just!

**Rocky**, our neighbour's guard dog was keeping everyone awake with his nightly barking, when someone had enough and poisoned him one night. David was first to hear him whining, so the owners came quickly and got him to the vet. It was touch and go for a few days, but David had some good opportunities to talk to the family as he helped administer the many drugs Rocky had to be given. He survived and the friendships continue!

## Doctor Learning – only Jesus can Save!

A surgeon friend shared his worldview (which excluded God) with David for an hour, as David had agreed to hear him out. David talked a bit with him, setting the record straight, but decided not to overdo it, on that occasion. Imagine how he felt, when the next time they met, the surgeon told him that the conversation had demolished every point of logic he thought he had and we were not even aware of it! Pray for Dr. T, who is a key contact in this area, and is working through some serious family issues!

## Determined Loyalty – only Jesus Deserves!

This year we have the privilege of helping out in a small village **Pirava**, daughter group of the **Gevgelija** fellowship. They meet together in the home of **Bore and his wife Caroline**. Bore is rigidly paralyzed due to a progressive illness, can only move one arm and his head and has lain on a sofa, totally dependent on his family for the past 16 years. They have been believers for about 4 years and Caroline was baptized in July. David took the service the following week and Bore asked about being baptized. He wanted it to be done by total immersion, even although every movement causes him intense pain. After discussing the logistics, David promised to return and baptize him.

A 3m oval paddling pool was purchased, filled and left in the sun to take the chill off the water! We took Neil & Kath to the airport and continued into FYROMacedonia to conduct the baptism. After giving testimony and answering questions about his faith, Bore was picked up on a blanket by 5 men and carried outside. He winched in pain, but smiled and said, 'Go on, Go on!' What a testimony it



Neil and David  
working in Greece



Esther and Family



Bore's baptism in  
Gevgelija

was to his unsaved family members, who witnessed that baptism! Many believers today will not leave their 'comfort zones' in obedience to the Lord, but Bore is glad he did. We are waiting on the delivery of a special bed from Northern Ireland, which will not only be more comfortable for him, but make it much easier for Caroline to care for him.

### **Deepest Longing – only Jesus can Guide!**

**Traje**, Bore's son has a desire to go to Beograd Bible School in preparation to serve among his own people, but finances are extremely low. An 18 year old girl, **Svetanka**, from the Gevgelija fellowship has gone to Sofia University to study with a view to Christian service. We have been able to put her in contact with Christian friends in Bulgaria. This semester, another young girl from Skopje, **K**, told us that God has called her to study in a **Muslim country**, where she hopes to stay for many years of service. Pray for these young people who are willing to serve the Lord wherever He calls them. Pray also for efforts at bridge-building between **Greek and MK believers**, as they should not continue to be influenced by the secular hatred, which exists between the two countries.

Following the baptism, we did not get home until the early hours of the morning and approaching our street there was a lot of activity and lights on. Soon we found out that **Evangelista**, our neighbour **Kosta's** wife had died. That day was our anniversary so it was spent visiting the family and attending her funeral, which was held in the small evangelical church in the village. David has many opportunities to talk with **Kosta** and **Dimitri** their son, but as yet they are not saved.

### **Difficult Location – only Jesus can Alter!**

The **Bitola Fellowship** continue to experience many internal and external problems including unemployment, sickness, injury and victimization by employers. **Stanko** is back in hospital to have his stents washed out as they are blocked and later they will wire his upper arm again. **Olive Wilson** now has her visa for a year, and we are grateful for that answer to prayer. There is a strong possibility the assembly will soon be given **registered status**, allowing **Alex** to apply for his visa and possibly **Ethan and Jan**. Please pray on, as the situation is not helped by the unstable situations of the leadership!

All our literature and medical supplies have been delivered for now and we await the arrival of a 40' container from Northern Ireland. This is mostly clothing for MK, which will be transported under another humanitarian organization. The latest word on the **piece of land** behind us is that Johan cannot sell it to us, as it has been taken back by the state because of lack of use. However, meanwhile we have permission to use it and possibly buy it from the state at a later date. By the time you receive this letter, our town council will have moved, from close by in Korinos to the city of Katerini, so nothing further is possible at the moment due to this changeover of authority.

Whatever the answer is, we have already cut down the old trees on the property we own, giving the wood to elderly folks in the village, and intend to fence it next year, getting the **camp/conference centre project** underway.

### **Daily Light – only Jesus can illuminate!**

Right now, we are heavily involved in **2011 Calendar Outreach**, which is giving some incredible opportunities for witnessing and, as you know, is one of the highlights of our year. Some of the comments heard about the calendars and New Testaments so far have been:

**Dimitris**: 'Everybody should read a portion of this book everyday.'

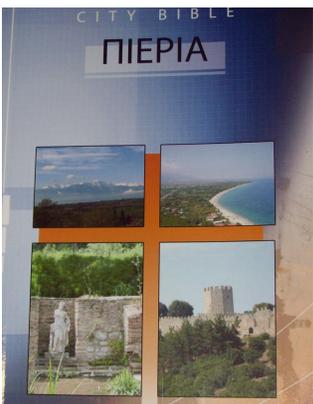
**Store manager**: 'We hang the calendar in the staff room and everyone can read it.'

**Customs Official**: 'What a brilliant idea! We can identify with this book!'

- Pray for **Chrysanthi**, who needed brain surgery Jan 2010. On the morning of the op. a new scan showed the golf ball sized tumor had shrunk to pea size after prayer, so surgery was not done. Now she has been recalled with a problem in her blood values. Continue to pray for her salvation as well as her health, please.
- Pray for **Marina**, as she continues to be interested in what we have to say. We have some email and telephone contact as well as the times we are able to meet up.
- It has been great to see the enthusiasm people show to receiving the calendar year after year. We are enjoying meeting up again and **renewing friendships**.
- Already we have several **new contacts** who are delighted to get their first calendar and have asked to be added to the regular list.
- This year we are also giving out a New Testament with each wrapped calendar. It is part of the **City Bible Project** which provides NT's for individual cities. Peter & Els Pilon head up this work and they had an area N.T. printed for us, called the Pieria Bible, which has four well-known local sites on the cover. This allows recipients to identify with this region and also to read the **Five Steps to Salvation** which is also contained inside the covers of the New Testament. The response to the Bible has been amazing and inside two weeks we delivered over 500 of these Bibles. One hotel has asked to be supplied with copies for their guests! Please pray that as folks read these, they will understand the Gospel story and be challenged to accept Christ.



Johan



City Bible: Pieria, Greece

### Disrupted Land – only Jesus can Provide!

Throughout 2010, Greece has had **many periods of unrest and rioting** over the economy and other shortages in the country. We have had several long **fuel strikes**, meaning that eventually, there is not only no fuel, but also no products in the stores to buy. Trucks and other big vehicles have blocked off ends of motorways, **stopping traffic** for many hours. **Sporadic** rioting has broken out in scuffles with police and officials. **Tourism** was affected by all this, some having their trips cancelled while others just changed their venue to avoid the hassle, which of course had a counter-effect on the economy.

A number of our **friends** and calendar contacts who had businesses are now **bankrupt**, while others have lost their jobs and can't find re-employment. During the periods when **cash machines were not in operation** (since banks were afraid of not getting payment), the Mizpah board worked it out with those coming, to bring cash to keep us afloat. Still, the traders here will **not accept credit cards** and many foreign banks will not do business with Greek banks

So when we evaluate, the extent of what has been accomplished, in spite of these difficult situations, we gladly give all the **praise and glory to God** for His constant provision and grace, and many **sincere thanks to you folks at home** for your continued prayer and support. We don't take for granted the sacrifice many of you make for the work of the Gospel in these lands.

Wilma's ankle is very much improved and she appreciates all your prayer and concern.

### Delightful Lyttle – All of us are thrilled!

We are so pleased to announce the birth of **Christian Thomas Lyttle** to Jon Marc & Jennifer on the **24th October**. He is a thriving 'lyttle' boy, a brother for **Evangeline**, and we trust it won't be many years till Christian is not just his name but his conviction!

How excited we are to be spending Dec/Jan with them, when we will be c/o Iain Lyttle, 206 Twin Oaks Dr, Lynchburg, VA 24502, USA for post. Our email numbers remain the same.

Let us take this early opportunity to wish you all a Christ-centered Christmas and God's richest blessing in the coming year.

Yours because of **Divine Love**,

*David & Wilma Lyttle*

### Dissertation Laud – Justifiable Pride in Mum!

Without her knowing, her 5 boys would like to take this chance to congratulate **Wilma** on completing her **second doctorate disseration in 5 years** – we are so proud of her!



**First Grandson:  
Christian Lyttle**

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