



Dear Praying Friends,

The past three months have been busy, but touched every so often by a new experience or encounter, which made life just that bit more intense, exciting, interesting and certainly memorable. We want to share some of these happenings with you: that you know what God has achieved as a result of your faithful prayers and support, you can see how God is working out His purposes in speaking to the hearts of needy people, you understand better the needs of our fellow believers in this part of the world and in conjunction, realize how important your participation is to us in this ministry. We are so thankful for the protection and provision of our Heavenly Father and for your faithfulness before the throne of God on our behalf and trust you will be encouraged and challenged with this news.

The weather in Greece is very hot, with temperatures most days in the 40°C's. This is great weather for tourists but also means the mosquitos are rife and biting well! Last year over 60 people died as a result of reactions to bites, and so far in 2011 we know of 8, and the worst mosquito season has only begun!

Strasbourg Missionary Conference

In June, we attended the IBCM quadrennial conference, which proved to be an incredible experience, spending a few days with around 500 national and mission personnel, who are laboring for the Lord in many areas of the world.



Some, who are facing indescribable pressures for their faith, told their heart-breaking stories and pleaded with us for help and prayer. Others are risking not only their freedom but their very lives for the service of the Master. One man, scheduled to speak at the conference, was forced into hiding shortly before he was due to leave and could not even risk going to the airport. Yet, these people faithfully preach on, bravely face persecution and believe God for miracles on a daily basis! We were thrilled to be able to share the needs of Greece & MK and email communication assures us that we have mutually taken each other into our hearts and prayer lives. For us it was challenging, refreshing, informative and encouraging all at once, and we would be delighted if they were to invite us back.

Studies for Mike's Congregation

David's responsibility for weekly Bible studies in **Thessaloniki** has come to an end till the next time there is a need! It was great to study the book of James together for these eight weeks and we saw some extra English speakers come along to join us from other churches in the area. People took part enthusiastically, as they were given homework and test questions each week. It was wonderful to see how God was shaping and practically equipping folks to follow Him better. One man got so excited after reading the passage many times in preparation, and told us he had over 30 questions to ask. However, by the end of the study, he said every question had been answered for him. We also had some very good times of prayer and folks were excited to see how God was answering prayer for individuals. **Daniel**, a young 17 year old, had a very serious accident off a bike and was not expected to live. However, God had other plans and although still in hospital, he is making excellent progress, much to the joy of his parents, the amazement of the doctors and the thankfulness of all us who prayed. Please continue to remember the family as they witness to staff and patients alike. **Antonio** is home from hospital, still without a proper diagnosis and is far from well, although he continues to leave himself in the Lord's hands.

Steadily Mounting Crisis

Many of you continue to pray for the political & financial crisis here in Greece. Please keep it up, as we need it! There is a spirit of lawlessness in Greece as a whole that is quite oppressive. Driving through red lights, wrong ways down one-way streets, total inconsideration of another's needs, rudeness and insolence are the order of the day and much more. Becoming aware of the fact that, many of the politicians, police and religious leaders are crooked and corrupt has angered the entire populace, as has been evidenced before the world in the recent street rioting. In Athens, the **First Evangelical church**, whose minister's parents are among our closest friends, was damaged and its marble front used as missiles against the riot police, much like was seen in Northern Ireland since 1969.

Alongside this, we have transport and fuel strikes – when taxis, buses, trains and truck drivers all cease to operate in an attempt to catch the world's attention, but also seriously affecting the tourist trade which they rely so much upon for survival. Thankfully, Christians are realizing the importance of repentance and humility needing to '*begin in the house of God*' and we ask you to pray that those being reached with the gospel at this time would be willing to learn more about how to turn back to God from worldliness.

Sharing Meaningful Conversations

Opportunities to preach **locally** continue in churches, residential home and markets. Please remember the upcoming **Bible conference in Leptokarya** beginning August 19th. This is well-known over Greece and God has used it often in the past to call people both for salvation and service.

In a department store, David got into conversation with a mother and daughter from Canada. Later, in the car park we crossed paths again as they were having difficulties fitting their purchases into their car. Now, packing is one of David's special abilities, so he soon sorted out the problem, was hailed as a godsend by the ladies, giving him a further opening to share the gospel, give literature and receive an invitation to visit the daughter's family. She married a Greek farmer with the surname **Triandafilos** (Rose) and lives 2 ½ hours away.

In PL 106 we asked you to remember **Dr T.**, who was having serious family problems. Recently, he came to talk to David & thank him for friendship, help & prayer about these problems. The situation worsened seriously after we prayed, but eventually sin was exposed for the rottenness it carries. Alongside partial healing, is now the knowledge that God had been at work, and this is a definite link in the chain, we trust, bringing salvation to this household.

Renewed contact with a young man **Theodore** and his mum revealed that both of them are linked with the group, who worship the ancient gods of Greek mythology, enthroned on Mt. Olympus! Such is the pathetic witness of official, organized religion in Greece, that people choose to believe this sort of garbage. This is their emblem.

For some peculiar reason, the border checks coming into Greece have been particularly awkward in these past months, where normally because we are EU citizens, there is no real check on our return. However, recently we have had our vehicle thoroughly searched, (including the cutlery drawer twice on one trip), and have been ultra-questioned by the guard. This has not been one isolated incident or only happened to us, as others have also complained. Possibly, it is to do with the unrest in the country, or the fact that the Greeks are wary of those living north of its borders, but we ask you to continue to pray that we won't be hindered in any way from doing the work and that we will know how best to react in each situation. Despite fuel shortages and other problems, we have been travelling most weekends and God has blessed and protected us in every area. Recently, on a return journey we came upon an accident at our village crossroads, where a Bulgarian lady running across the road had been hit by a speeding car, killing her instantly. We appreciate all your prayers for our safety in travelling.

Satan Misconstrues Christianity

In **Gevgelija**, God has continued to bless the ministry and this fellowship is very active in spreading the Gospel to others. Most times on the same trip we minister with the folks in **Pirava** as well. Nearby is the town of **Bogdanci**, which is living in fear since a number of young people have committed suicide, after having links with a group called the Black Rose. At first, two Christian High School teachers were being held responsible for these deaths, since they were witnessing to students. But God has turned that around, and they have had wonderful opportunities to courageously speak for Him. Now permission has been given for Scriptures to be offered freely in the school!! PTL! The enemy of our souls is on the warpath, he hates mankind - Christians especially, and is willing to go to any lengths to destroy us. Pray that in this confrontation, the father of lies will be exposed for what he is and that Jesus will be lifted up as the only real hope in a town sinking in despair.

Serving Ministry Continues

In the **Bitola assembly**, **Olive** is alone again, as the others had to leave for their 3 month exchange. It is simply not easy for the group to experience stability with this going on and we trust they will soon be officially accepted to allow foreign workers visas. However, God has been moving in the lives of various individuals and families and it is an encouragement to see problems being worked through and resolved. Contact with the **Roma fellowship** is still happening and we were able to bring them desperately needed clothing on a recent trip. Because of the dire needs of so many in recent months, we ourselves had very little clothing left, but were able to beg around some of our contacts and got enough to make a slight dent in their immediate needs at this time.



Emblem of Olympic worshippers



Roma Pastor
Tefik and Anita

Mileva (79)had been on a special family outing and, as is typical in MK, cars are small and therefore luggage is stored on the roof. Imagine if you can, how upset this dear soul was to find on arriving home that her bag had fallen off and her only decent clothing was lost. She had been the wife of a pastor, who before his homecall, had led many souls to Jesus, even suffering imprisonment for his faith, but she is now promoted to a life of prayer, closely guarded by poverty, pain and loneliness. Life is not always fair! Imagine now her joy, as we were able to replace all she lost and with better quality clothing. We can't describe her gratefulness!

On our last visit to **Skopje**, alongside our other deliveries, we visited **Bore & Rule** who have been sharing literature in homes in the Skopje area over many years as well as running a growing fellowship in the city. One of their young people, **Juliana (25)** has been suffering with Hodgkins Lymphoma since February of this year. Because her parents have died and she has only a brother, Bore and Rule took her into their home, allowing Rule to nurse her through the sickness, as well as give her a much needed home base. Juliana has bravely trusted the Lord through all the hard times of her sickness and a recent PET scan done in GB shows she has only 2% cancer left. We were able to bring her some meds to help with the side effects of the chemo as she goes through 4 more sessions. She will need these meds for a couple of years and as they are not available in MK, we need to make sure she has them. Her brother is not yet saved but has been greatly spoken to by his sister's trust in the Lord and the care she has been given by the church. Please pray for Juliana's complete healing and for God to use her for His Glory above all.

We have been excited to see God at work as we have visited various families and friends with needs temporal, physical and spiritual.

Scheduling Meetings Calendar

In recent days, we have had problems with our internet and now we have a new number. Please note that lyttle@otenet.gr does not exist anymore and we are now lyttle.davidwilma@gmail.com. It is also possible to use mizpahmail@aol.com, as so far that remains unchanged.

We do plan to be in GB for meetings in the early months of 2012 and look forward to seeing as many as possible. So far these are our tentative dates:

- N. Ireland:** Jan 6th – end of Feb,
Jan 23: Glengormley Baptist Ladies meeting
- England:** March 1-17th
- Scotland:** March 18th -April 2nd
- N. Ireland:** Easter – end of April
Easter- CCCF Bushmills

These dates/areas could change depending on requirements. You should contact Charles McCluskey with requests, who will answer you as soon as he is recovered from his Carpal Tunnel Surgery on August 24th, for which we know he would appreciate your prayers.

Serving the Master,
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