



Dear Partners in prayer,

We wish you a very blessed and purposeful 2012. Thank you so much for all the cards, emails, letters and calls we received this past year. We continue to be humbled by your love, prayers and support of the Lord's work and us! We are very thankful to have had another safe and largely uneventful journey overland and sea from Greece to GB. The weather was great and we saw very little snow on the entire route.

After picking up Allyn at Heathrow, we drove together to Scotland and experienced a lovely Christmas with Wilma's family. Crossing the Irish Sea, we finished up the old year and started the new, with some of David's family. Later that week, we all enjoyed **David's mum's 88th birthday celebration.**

But David (and Allyn actually) got a bit more than they bargained for at Christmas, when they contracted very bad viral colds, initially lasting a couple of weeks. After we thought it was over, suddenly David lost his voice for almost two weeks, meaning (apart from the quietness), we have had to cancel all services since Jan 9th. Now, two weeks later he is back on his feet, taking up speaking again, and we trust he can catch up with all his planned visits as well!!! Most of the meetings have been able to re-accommodate us on another date during this deputation, so that has been a special blessing.

Prior to leaving Greece we were involved in the **Calendar Outreach**, and as always we had wonderful, God-given opportunities to share the Gospel with those whom we meet whether first timers or regulars. We discovered this Greek crisis has many people thinking much more seriously about spiritual issues. Since their previously held goals, positions, guarantees and even strong personalities have crumbled, they feel God has to have some of these needed answers. Please remember to pray for those reading God's Word through the calendars.

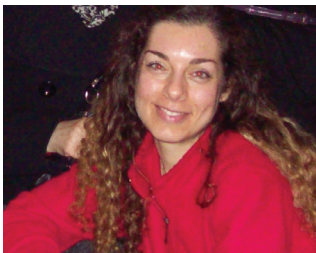
Some of the results of the conversations:

- **Maria** is now reading the New Testament and praying daily
- **Michaelis** said, 'My mum reads the N.T. every single day and I gave one to my brother who is training to be a priest.'
- **Adriano** (Albanian) 'I can speak Greek but I don't read so well. Thank you for getting me a calendar in my own language.'
- **Maria** (restaurant owner) 'I read it every day and it warms my heart.'
- **Alex** (camper mechanic) 'We feel honoured to have been able to help with your work. We know you care, most churches here do not!'

One Sad Aftermath:- Two years ago, **Elene**, a young lady who professed faith, asked for prayer as she decided to do God's Will. At that time, many of you prayed for her, but even knowing what to do, she went the opposite direction and has since been in deep depression and despair. All attempts to speak with her had been refused, until finally in Dec we did meet and she asked us to visit her again on our return.

Two Enjoyable 'Co incidences':

1. David had just asked a middle aged couple how their teacher- daughter **Stavroula** was coping with work in Bulgaria when suddenly their son burst through the door and his phone started to ring. It was Stavroula! On hearing of David's enquiry, Stavroula asked to speak to him and told him she would be returning for Christmas in a few days and wanted a calendar to bring back to Bulgaria. She also asked to be remembered in prayer!



Elene

2. Talking to a new contact in the 2nd Katerini Post Office, David mentioned that Dimitris (now deceased) had often been a help to us in the 1st Katerini Post Office. **Zena**, suddenly became emotional and explained that Dimitris was her uncle! David had a very clear opportunity to share the Gospel and has been asked to call again as soon as possible.

Travelling Opportunities:

As usual we were 'on the road' a lot in 2011. We made an average of 3 visits a month to F.Y.R.O. Macedonia and were very conscious of God's help and undertaking in each of these trips.

We were greatly encouraged when one of our calendar contacts who originated from Bitola decided she wanted to help with food and clothing for her own people. This gives us not only the stuff to bring in but continued contact with the family, who still need to trust the Lord.

The **Bitola Fellowship** had another big encouragement recently when Valentin, the husband of Ines who has been a believer for some years, finally gave his life to the Lord after years of deliberation and procrastination. Following our last service there, we had a meal together in Alex house and a prolonged time of fellowship!

The **Gevgelija fellowship** has a vision to expand the work to a nearby city, but of course since they decided this, the devil has been very active in putting obstacles in the way. However, they plod on, knowing that in His time they will get the permits/people they need for reaching out to the needy. Recently, Wilma spoke to the ladies from the area, and although this is not something she feels confident doing, some of the ladies enjoyed her practical approach.

In late October, we were glad to be part of the first **Balkan Prayer Conference** in Ohrid. It was a joy to meet many of our co-laborers who face many of the same difficult challenges in their own areas. This was quite amazing, considering the fact that these nations were at war with each other not too many years ago. It was a huge encouragement as the believers realised, not only are they going through the same things, but they have the same power at their disposal and God still answers believing prayer. We have been to prayer conferences where people talked a lot about prayer, but here we had the privilege to spend many hours in prayer for the various areas. David was responsible to bring the closing challenge from God's Word and many were spoken to.

The staff in the conference hotel were very impressed by what they saw in the group, and one young nightwatchman, **Stefan**, with whom David had repeated conversations, asked for literature and the address of a local evangelical fellowship!

One disturbing fact, brought out at the conference, is that in a rehab centre in Croatia, many of those needing help are kids from Christian homes and especially pastors kids. While these young people can be **Awesome Witnesses** when **Committed to Christ**, they can also be **Awful Weapons** if **Corrupted by satan!** Satanic forces have targeted these kids as a means of not only destroying their lives and families, but also undermining the work of the church, and it is our duty to uplift those church leaders and their families in prayer!

At the wedding of Zoran and Svetlana, (unsaved daughter of our paralysed friend Bore), we got into conversation with others at our table. They were curious as to how we ended up there, but it gave an open opportunity for David to present the Gospel and Pastor Zoran to give his testimony. Imagine the interest, as the man who was hearing how a MK policeman found Christ and became a pastor, was in fact the Nationally Elected Leader of the Communist Party for that area!!

Ministry Opportunities:

Several **YPF Meetings** have been particularly blessed and especially Nov 26th when the Evangelical late Teens and Twenties from all over Northern Greece gathered together for their annual conference in the biblical town of Berea. David was definitely conscious of God's enabling as he presented the challenge – not to be God's Church of Tomorrow but rather God's Church of Today!!



Valentine and Ines



Balkan Prayer Conference



YPF Meetings

Please pray for young folks who seek to serve the Lord in full-time ministry:

- **George:** who has already dedicated his life for service.
- **Sofia:** working with kids, while training at a famous London church and praying about future ministry in Greece.
- **Zvetanka:** studying theology in Bulgaria and wanting to work with CEF in MK.

Following our last Sunday service at Pastor Mike's church, **Nadia**, stayed behind to ask a number of questions. She has attended a number of services and longs to know peace with God.

The **Training and Retreat Centre** has been completely enclosed with a wall and 2m high fence. It has a 6m wide sliding gate keeping it secure and all is ready for the placement of cabins etc., as soon as possible. We had just one immediate remaining problem. A steel support cable from the nearby electric pole was preventing entry to the property. Folks told us the electric board would not move it, or if they did agree to do it we would wait many months. We had only one month left at that point!

After discussion, the electric board promised to do it in 2 weeks, but of course never arrived! As the deadline got closer, David went in for a 'deeper discussion' with those concerned, trying to be firm but diplomatic. Eventually, when he threatened to remove it himself, they promised to come in 2/3 days and accepted calendars for 2012.

Thirty minutes later, David received a call from Wilma wondering what was going on, as an engineer arrived and was removing the support cable. This man was so worried that David would attempt to do it, he came to do it immediately! Now that is service!

Although we have enjoyed a relatively mild winter in GB, Northern Greece and MK have had very cold weather, with Bitola recording temperatures around -30 C and most of the homes are without heating!!!

Added to the fact that Allyn joined us for Christmas and New Year, we have Tanja and girls coming for a few days either side of a visit to her family in Austria, which will be a nice treat for us all! Iain remains at home to do some work on his PhD thesis.

We still look forward to meeting up with many of you as we travel around taking meetings and our itinerary is attached.

Bonded with you for His Harvest

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Mizpah Outreach

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