

MIZPAH OUTREACH

Prayer Letter #114
November/December 2012



**Dearly Missed:
'Jean' Lyttle**

Dear Praying Friends,

Words are not enough to express how much we appreciate the love, support and prayers we have experienced from many of you through this past year, not only in the work of the Lord, but in our times of personal loss. All of you are aware of the unexpected passing of Wilma's mum in **February**, but some folks were not yet informed of the sudden passing of **David's mum on September 10th**, our 36th Wedding anniversary. **Jean**, as she was known to all, was 88 years old and not only a wonderful mother to the nine 'lyttle' children, but a special grandmother and great-grandmother to our children and grandchildren. During all our years together she has prayed for and supported us through every venture the Lord has called us to. There were occasions when God woke Mum from sleep to pray for us, and she would phone as soon as possible to find out the need and how God answered prayer. Such was her sensitivity to God's voice! We miss her greatly, but are looking forward to that meeting, with all our loved ones, around the Saviour's throne!

The packed church at David's mum's funeral certainly reflects the high esteem she and the family were held in and we are very grateful to all who helped put it all together. **Rev Eric Stewart**, with his wife **Yvonne**, lifelong friends of the family, broke off a family holiday to be there to preach, as this was Jean's express wish. **Allyn & Iain** were able to make it home and we deeply appreciated their visit.

Still the work goes on and summer has been a very busy time. We continue to travel in and out of F.Y.R.O. Macedonia and are also involved in various meetings in Greece. During the tourist season, the situation in **Greece** improved at least on the surface, when for the sake of tourism, there were more goods available and banks had normal working hours. Some folks had work for the season, whether in the fields or in the hotels and cafes, so were able to pay some of the outstanding bills. But since the beginning of this month, we see the decrease in jobs, supplies etc and the increase in unemployment, suicides, prices and general unrest! Many fear this winter will be worse than last year, when many had to survive without warm meals and with no heating in their homes.

Elena, a young lady suffering from depression, etc, recently asked to attend a youth rally, David was asked to speak at with approximately 200 others in attendance. The presence of the Lord was powerful that day, but still she is resisting and being in a relationship, makes it more difficult for her to respond to the gospel. Pray on for her!

Opportunities with the **youth** continue regularly and the growth in some of their lives is wonderful to experience. There are those who, although very interested, are still not willing to count the cost and go through with God in their daily lives, but those who are, are being encouraged. The work among the **elderly** in the residential home is also a good opportunity and there are many who appreciate that ministry and some unsaved attend regularly.

Our village neighbours appreciate David bringing them to market and while they do their shopping David has opportunity to **reach the market stall holders**. Some of them wait each time for whatever literature he has to offer them and it is seldom anyone refuses to take it. Recently, when there with an elderly retired preacher from the Sevasti Evangelical Church, an Orthodox priest verbally attacked the old man, calling him a 'filthy evangelical.' Yanni was very gracious in his response, causing many onlookers to wonder why the priest had to be so nasty!

During visitation, two other ladies, **Elena II and Effie** both shared of their heartbreak and pain regarding husbands who have turned their back on marital responsibilities and are playing the field. **Kriakos**, a young man brought up in Germany arrived and joined in the conversation as we talked of Jesus love & faithfulness. Pray on for fruit that will remain in these lives!

While we still have not found any suitable buildings here in Greece for our camp centre, members of our committee have decided to try building a portable building in N.I., and if all goes well to transport them out to **Greece**. This could prove to be the most cost efficient, as teams will only be necessary to assemble ready-made cabins. At the moment this is the plan and we will see how that goes! Meantime, David was working in the garden and hearing the sound of heavy machinery he went to check it out! Turned out they were re-flattening the gravel road on the short side of the camp. David asked if they could just run the blade over the other side of the site for us where there was not



Youth Group

previously a road, and this caused a topic for conversation. The foreman, **Kiriakos**, after finding out what the site was to be used for, gave permission not only for clearing the way, but with several deliveries of stones etc, made us a new gravel road along the longest side. David asked who he was as we did not know him, and got the response, 'But I know you, I have been reading your calendar in the local pub.' Praise the Lord, we now have a roadway between us and the camp and it didn't cost us a penny!

In **Gevgelija**, we have seen times of blessing and refreshing. In the baptism in the river, 14 people were immersed and among them **Lenche**, who was recently saved and continues to bring others along to hear the gospel. The services have been packed with people, many of them from the rougher element of the city, others from outlying areas, where it is hoped daughter fellowships will eventually begin. **Aleksandra** has been finding great opportunities in school and recently three of her friends have started coming to the youth meetings being run by CEF in the area. One of the young folk's parents approached Alek's parents to ask if they can also come to the adult meetings on Sundays.

This kind of blessing is however, never without attack from the evil one and there have been many evidences of his work! **Magdalena** is a young girl who is suffering some severe psychotic symptoms, having never suffered from these in the past. She needs prayer for wisdom for her parents, for good Doctors to diagnose her properly and for the Holy Spirit to work in her life in healing and power.

The meeting premises have been **broken into three times** in spite of extensive anti-theft systems etc and many articles have been stolen. It appears some of those coming off the street are sizing up the place for future robberies. Again the church members need wisdom to have the right balance between love, mercy and being firm with these people.

The smaller groups in **Pirava** and **Volondova** are keeping on going although attendance is always lower in the harvest season, since some have to work in the fields. **Bore** has been quite unwell of late and has sometimes gone for days without wanting to eat anything. **Lenche's mother-in-law** is still spitting poison, since Lenche became a believer and would like her son to get a divorce as she believes the 'sect' may decide to sacrifice the children. Pray for **Lenche and her family**, to have the strength to carry on despite this situation.

The **Bitola Fellowship** also had a baptism service on September 30th, when 6 people gave their testimonies and were baptised. We went to this baptism with **Verena** our friend from Switzerland, who was here for the first time and **Peter Leech**, who has been here a few times in past years. It is much easier for prayer partners to pray when they have actually seen the work first hand. After the baptism we all had lunch together before going home and everyone enjoyed that time together, especially since Ethan & Jan, Marin and Nelli and others were present, who have not been there for a while. **Alex** has to have surgery on his knee and this will mean an extended stay in Germany next year, so we pray that he will make a good recovery. Pray for wisdom, as many in the assembly are dissatisfied with their lives in Bitola, to such an extent some are seriously considering moving to the West, hoping for a better life. Others have no work at all, and of those with jobs many are just part time, so everyone has their struggles.



While we were home in GB for David's mum's funeral, **Wilma's granny** (102) had a fall, and we took a quick trip up to Fort William to check on her. She did have some injuries, but is a tough lady and by the time we got there she was doing much better. It was good to see her and other members of the family even for a short time! On our return to Ireland, we heard about the terrible tragedy where three male members of the **Spence family** died in a slurry pit incident. A family of firm believers, Essie Spence was brought up close to David's home, and they have known each other since schooldays. Although we weren't in Ireland for the funeral, we were able to call at the house before we left for Greece. It is impossible to empathize with people who have suffered to such a huge extent, and all we can really do is '*weep with those who weep*' and keep them in our prayers. Imagine how we felt when just a few days after we got back, we are told that Essie's only sister Jean had also died. Jean had talked with us at the house when we visited as she tried to help the family in their grief. How sad! Please pray for **Essie, her daughter-in-law** and family, as well as daughters, **Emma & Laura** as they try to come to terms with all that has happened. **Peter, Emma's husband** has been part of a team who came out to help us build at the beginning of our time in Greece, and we ask you to remember them very definitely in these days.

Revival Movement, N.I., sent a pallet of **100,000 tracts** through us, which we were able to deliver in its entirety recently, where it was very well received and will be delivered to churches/centres all over the land in due course. Praise God for those who write, translate, do graphics, print and send out literature that others may hear about and get to know the Saviour.

Our vehicles have been doing a lot of work this year and we had some problems with the **Skoda** when climbing up a mountain road in Gevgelija. Turned out we needed not only a new clutch and pressure plate but 4 new tyres. Still not bad when we think of the many miles it has travelled and really given no problems. Now it has passed its MOT again and we are set for another while.

The **Greek/MK borders** have sometimes been a bit of a worry to us, as there have been spontaneous strikes on both sides of the border for sometimes days at a time leaving no way to get through. But still, so far the strike has often finished just on time for us to go and we have not missed any meetings or been trapped inside the country. Most of the issues are over pay as many are not getting their promised wages and having to do with much less.

Calendar Outreach has already begun and since this is our year to visit family in USA, we have started early with the visitation. For David especially, this is a highlight as we realise the power of the printed page. Please pray for this venture and for the many conversations that come out of it, as we try to listen to those with problems, predicaments and hurts, to answer questions and give whatever is appropriate help.

Wilma's brother **Neil** and his wife **Kath** are arriving in early November. We look forward to their visit, as do some of our Gevgelija contacts whom they have helped in the past. They will help with the remaining practical work needing to be done this year. As we said, we will spend **Dec/Jan** in USA and our address for that time will be c/o **Allyn Lyttle, 206 Twin Oaks Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502, USA.**

We fly directly from Greece this time and will drive our van home for MOT and for restocking the trailer in the month of February, getting back to Greece in the early days of April. Although, this is not our usual deputation year, we will take meetings along the way, where we fit into your schedule and there is an opportunity.

Since the promotion to Glory of two of our most ardent, **faithful prayer supporters**, our mothers, we need your prayers more than ever. Who will fill the gap they leave in caring, loving and praying? Please pray!

If you get this letter by email, **please print yourself a hard copy**, as very often e-mailers read the letter once online and then forget about it! We want you to pray regularly for the people, events etc that we write about, as we know definite, direct, believing prayer will be answered by our Heavenly Father, who loves us to approach Him esp. on behalf of others. **Prayer is our job, provision is His!**

May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its friendships stronger, and its hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.

Your servants for Christ.

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