



Dear Praying Friend,

We are writing this letter from a very wet, rainy Northern Ireland, and yet rain is one of the main reasons this land is called the Emerald Isle! So also in a spiritual sense, we are thankful for the rain of God's blessing on our lives and ministry. 'For as the rain comes down and waters the earth...and makes it bring forth and bud, so shall My Word be,...it shall not return unto Me void!' Isaiah 55:10-11. How we long to see God's Word bearing eternal fruit in the hearts of those we minister to!!!

Travelling overland from Greece, we were very glad that the promised Siberian cold front and storms either did not materialise or stayed mostly behind us, and a bit of rain did not deter anything we needed to do! We have as usual been gratefully aware of God's protection, provision and blessing since we were last in touch, and immensely glad to have you at our backs in the place of prayer!!

**Calendar Outreach** was, as awaited, a series of God appointed times of sharing! Several people were in tears, as they contemplated the wonder of God's love and the necessity of having a relationship with Him. Sadly, the cost of being a disciple still holds many back who have felt God dealing with them.

- **One Dr.** asked for extra gospel booklets for giving to young people [and he is not yet a believer!]
- **Stavros**, [meaning cross] encouraged new contacts to accept and read the literature. His best friend is an Orthodox Priest!
- **Synodines**, [customs official] reads the New Testament and Evangelistic calendar reading every day!
- **One lady** cried sorely for ¾ hr, regarding family difficulties!
- **Maria**, a chemist, shared of the fears which rule her life!

Please pray for the people working through calendars, that they will not only understand, but be willing to trust Christ with their lives.

Alongside all our notes of praise and gratitude for opportunities and interest among people, this has been a time of solemnity, as in Greece the number of men committing suicide [that their children can have 300 euros a month from the Orphan Emergency Fund] has risen to 5,500. This should break our hearts and not just become a statistic in our minds!

Even during the calendar visitation, we spent most weekends in FYROMacedonia. Once, we were present at a packed seminar in the city hall in **Skopje**, featuring **John Lennox and Jurgen Spiess**, who superbly defended the Christian faith, giving answers and further questions a believer can use to give clear arguments when confronted with atheism. We met friends like Daniella, Stefan & Olive from Bitola, and spent time with Anna, Pastor Zoran from Gevgelija's daughter!! Since we also had a delivery to do we went to visit one fellowship in Skopje where we met an American Gynaecologist on a missions trip to MK. He has an interest in working in the new School of Medicine opening soon at Liberty University, so sharing mutual acquaintances, we had a good chat with his family.

On the journey home we visited Stobi, an archaeological site and had a profitable time with **Traije**, who not only accepted literature, but took booklets for the previous guides whom we had known.

In **Bitola**, visiting **Vera & Stanko**, we discovered they had not received any money from his work since his accident [2 broken legs] 5 months previously. They had absolutely no food left in the house, had received the final warning on their electricity bill before it would be cut off and were waiting on the water authority to send the same threat. The telephone was already cut off and mobile phone empty. We left them enough money to cover the electricity and to keep them in basics for the two weeks till our next visit. Very few of us can really empathise with those who have so little in both Greece & Macedonia.

We continued to visit the fellowship giving preaching help and encouragement while the leadership is weak, and had many good times with the believers, who remain faithful despite their often difficult situations.

In **Gevgelija**, the fellowship has been working flat-out renovating new, much larger premises to accommodate their growing numbers. Because we would not be present for the official opening, they decided to have a practise run the week before, so David could be the first to preach in the building. On the Saturday evening, the workers had run out of time and given up hope of being ready, when the youth took over completely cleaning and preparing the place, working right through the night to get it done. It looked amazing and the whole service was a beautiful experience, culminating in **Aleksandra** showing



Dr. John Lennox



Stanko & Vera

a Christmas card/Thank You Powerpoint presentation for us. It was very touching! Prior to her recent school trip to Italy, she asked us to provide her with an Italian Bible for her host and tracts to give out, resulting in tremendous opportunities to witness and some of the young folks wanting to attend the youth meetings. She was greatly encouraged in her faith through this!

### Random Events:

- One world **famous preacher** [who had many followers in Greece through Tele-evangelism], visiting Thessaloniki recently told people to give him donations in proportion to the desperation of their prayer needs if they wanted God to bless them. Many left desperately disappointed, having gone looking for a ray of hope. This kind of thing doesn't help the cause of Christ in any nation!
- Thankfully, not all are like that: One **Bulgarian Evangelist** was making such an impact in southern Greece, that an Imam asked to meet him for coffee, where he told the Evangelist of his conversion. Two days later, the Imam called again and confessed to having poisoned the evangelists coffee – but his God had protected him – Hallelujah!!
- Three years ago – David lost his passport for a few days and reported it, but found it a few days later. Since then it has been in constant use, twice to the US, to GB, Turkey, Bulgaria, FYROM and multiple times in and out of Greece. Suddenly, it popped up on a border computer as being lost/stolen, so they told us to make sure to verify things with the Katerini police. This gave David many opportunities to witness, as they could not believe he had used this passport for so long without problems, especially since Greece boasts 'careful border control.' One policeman said, 'We had to cancel it or a criminal could have been using it for the past three years!!' Duh! While we awaited reinstatement of the passport, we made a trip over the weekend to FYROM.

On our beautiful journey home, we visited in Klagenfurt, **Kurt & Violetta**, the couple we had helped with their broken-down car, in Greece, during the summer, talked with them and left them some literature. Then we continued on to near Vienna and visited with **Kurt & Christa**, Tanja's parents, who although they are not in good health, made us very welcome and we had a good time with some long time Austrian friends as well.

After picking up Allyn in Vienna, and leaving Iain, Tanja & Family to enjoy Christmas with their Austrian family, we travelled on to the Isle of Skye to meet up with our Scottish family. The storm followed us and that night the van was shook and lashed by wind and rain, keeping Wilma & Allyn awake, but rocking David into an even more sound sleep after his long drive!!

What a delight to be at the family get-together and to hear **Wilma's Uncle Nat** [82] explain how he became a believer just one month ago, partly through a challenge about eternity fired at him by his 103 year old mother not long before she passed away. One year ago we asked you to pray and God has answered again!

We were delighted to share in the **baby dedication of Eden**, Jonathan & Elizabeth's youngest daughter while in Skye, before reporting in the newly renovated **Fort William Baptist** church, which looks wonderful!

Shortly after picking our trailer up again in Glasgow in the middle of Hogmanay night, we had a wheel seize up on us and since it could not be released, we ended up driving to the ferry at Cairnryan with three wheels on the 4 wheel trailer!! Later, when the trailer was being taken for repair all other wheels seized too and on examination it turned out the **brakes were completely disintegrated** and the mechanics refused to believe it had just driven from Greece. The camper will also be receiving its annual check-up and MOT while we are at home. Recently, David has been enjoying playing with his new toy, a rather elderly but in good working order, JCB, which will be shipped out to Greece before the team arrive for work on the campsite on Easter Tuesday.

Soon after New Year we attended a family get-together for the Lyttle family, where we got to see, not only all the folks here in Ireland, but also a **nephew and his family** home from Australia and were joined, of course, by **Iain and family and Allyn**, so it was a great day! Soon after their arrival back in the United States, **Allyn** left for a trip to Ethiopia, Uganda & Rwanda, raising awareness of the horrors of the abuse of women/girls in the sex trade, and we would appreciate your prayer for that trip.

**Bryan & Tiffany** would also be grateful for your prayers as since Calila's adoption, they have added three more children to the family and although they have settled wonderfully into being a family of 8, we are as yet, uncertain what will be in the future for the latest additions.



Kurt & Violetta



Uncle Nat



**John & Christie  
Fazio**

Some of our friends and praying partners have been called home over the past months and although this is by no means a complete list, we mention but a few of those in the USA:

- Our dear friend **Wendy Tepper**, was promoted to glory after a long battle with cancer. Our hearts go out to Ivan, Morgan and the others in the family. Wendy was a delight to know, praying, encouraging and supporting faithfully the projects we were involved with, we miss her greatly!
- Near the end of November **MJ Randlett** was called to her heavenly home, to join her Saviour and her husband Dave. From we first went to the USA, MJ and Dave were close friends and prayer partners for us. We are thankful for the years of their friendship!
- **John Fazio**, who came out to work at our place twice with the LU students and was a welcome visitor when we were in the US, lost his beautiful young wife Christie at the birth of their first child Jonathan on December 14th. Please remember John and the extended family at this time.
- **Nathan Davidson**, passed away on January 15th. Only 31 years of age, he had planned to spend a few months helping us in Greece. His father is a pastor at TRBC, and also works in the Seminary, so please remember the family in your prayers too. Iain has just let us know that at the funeral, the messages were very clear and **10 people trusted the Lord** for salvation at the service.

It is hard to have to let go here on earth, but so good to know it is only for a time before we will be together again for all eternity. That will be quite a party!!

We are so grateful to so many who have carried us in prayer over so many years but at the same time, very conscious that our prayer base is decreasing as folks go home. So now we are in the midst of our deputation program and we want to encourage folks to commit to praying for the work, for the people in Greece and MK who so desperately need Jesus. If you are able to make it to anywhere to meet up with us, we would love to see you. The rundown of our meetings from now and especially in Scotland/England please let us know if you want a meeting/visit in the spaces left.

Please can you let us/Charles know of **any changes** of address or emails. We don't want to lose you in the airwaves!!

If you wish to have the Prayer Letter by email, please also let us know your name and street address to remove you from the snail mail list.

As most of you know that since Ella Coffey could no longer take care of Mizpah accounting/secretarial work, **Sharon Bell** has been filling in temporarily. Since Sharon will soon return to full time employment, she will not have a bi-weekly day for the accounts, therefore **we are in dire need of someone to take her place**. While Ella assures us, it is not more than two days work a month, we do need someone who has some kind of computer literacy, knows basic finance and is willing to write letters and receipts on a regular basis. This is a commitment, as although not hard work, it is ongoing and must be done regularly, to assure the necessary flow of donations and to work with the charity status. Please make this a matter of very definite prayer!!

Your thankful servants in Christ,

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