



Dear Praying Friends,

Recently, we returned to Europe from the USA, after visiting with our boys and families. It was amazing to us how little actual snow or even bad weather we had over there and we seem to have come back to the best weather in Ireland for this time of the year. It seems the predictions for a very severe winter didn't quite come true this year but there are no complaints about that from here!

Before leaving for America, we were delighted to do the calendar outreach and to find so many thankful that we did not forget them, open and willing to discuss, those who were so glad to receive the calendar and who read it daily and even those who are reading their bibles as well on a regular basis. To update you on just a few who need prayer:

- Remember the Orthodox Monk David contacted last year – **Christodoulos** – ‘servant of Christ’, who expressed an interest in meeting again? Well it happened! After one failed attempt as he was in Sweden, ending in a conversation with two other monks who accepted Ultimate Questions by John Blanchard. Finally, they met up before Christmas and David was able to give him a calendar, which he gratefully accepted and explained he had gone to the engineers shop where they first met to find out more about David.
- **Romanian lady, Michaela**, was really feeling the squeeze of the Greek crisis and was delighted to discover we used to visit her country regularly. She accepted the calendar and asked for a return visit.
- After several failed attempts, contact with **Marina** has been renewed and she gladly accepted the calendar. She has spent many months in depression because of business problems, but asked for prayer before David left.
- Knowing **Zachis**, was in Germany for work reasons, David was delighted when while visiting his family, the computer screen lit up and Zachis was on Skype. Amazing timing and he has promised to visit when he get back to Greece.
- The **Camping firm - Zampetas**, were also delighted to get their calendars. Some of the regular customers were so astonished at how good God has been to us over many years as they listened to David's stories. Suddenly the eldest brother in the family firm stood up and gave us a hammock to pass on to Bryan's children - simply as a gift! Pray that the hours of sharing, over many years, will bear fruit for the Kingdom!
- **Sofia**, another long-term contact, whose opening words were ‘I knew you'd come!’. When asked how, she said, ‘I haven't been well and every time it happens, you arrive!!!’
- Pray also for contacts from a **laundry firm** and **Theo**, a philosopher, who is definitely searching!!!

Following a whirlwind overnight visit to NI, we left the Dublin airport bound for Charlotte, where Allyn picked us up, drove us to Virginia and before that long day was over we were in the mission house allocated to us from TRBC for our stay. This house is a much older house than the one we used last time, but a good solid house in a great location, with its own playground, which worked out very well for our large family connection.

David [being the one for alliteration] says our stay in America can be summed up in a few sweet Ps:

**PROVISION** and this is exactly where we put the house and the car, which TRBC provided for us to use. We were very thankful for their willingness to help in these matters, and as well as that we enjoyed a few good sermons from Jonathan ably helped by Scott & Charles. It was a blessing to see people baptized most Sunday mornings during the service.

We also visited the churches Jon Marc and Allyn attend. David even had a coffee time meeting with Allyn's pastor, who is a very deep, practical preacher and teacher.

**PRACTICAL WORK** was much in demand, especially in Bryan's new family home. They had not long moved in and needed a lot of plastering and painting done. Tiffany set herself the goal of having her Living room ready for Thanksgiving to host us all, and although it was quite the challenge for the workers, it did come together and we were all present and correct with many of their friends for Thanksgiving dinner. Bryan, with a bit of help from Jon Marc, built a huge long table for their dining room, which was in place and well laden for the festivities. Other projects were completed by Christmas and still other smaller ones were undertaken in late January. David enjoyed the physical work, he loved helping the boys and the exercise did no harm either!!!



Iain Baptizing

**PREACHING** is of course an integral part of David's passion, and he was privileged to speak to Branch Baptist folks in Rustburg. **David and Marilyn Cook**, run this small congregation, who pray for and support us faithfully. They were previously missionaries in Mexico for over 30 years and have a great heart for missions. We always love visiting with them and joining in their services.

**Don & Mary Rice** have pastored Hope Baptist Church in Goode for many years now, following a 12 year stint in England and then another 12 in Hungary, during which time they planted at least three successful ongoing fellowships. We were delighted to be allowed to share with the church and to see how dedicated their families are to serving the Lord, not only in USA, but also abroad.

When attending TRBC, we were pleased to be a part of Faith Bible Class for Sunday School. These dear people send missionaries to different areas of the world, as well as pray for many of us, who are not from U.S. We appreciate the teaching, opportunities of fellowship, love & care we received there and have a knowledge that we will be prayed for by that group of people.

**PLEASURES** too many to number!! That was definitely our experience in these past weeks. We enjoyed it all and built in many memories.

We celebrated Birthdays, special days, fun days, advent, Christmas and really just any occasion to be together. One of the first formal occasions we attended was the final adoption program for all adopted children in Campbell County for 2014, which was a privilege to be present at and the party following allowed the kids a lot of fun with face painting, clowns etc. It was lovely to see how they all enjoyed it.

We also got to go to school events with the children and enjoyed watching Alyn in her Christmas program, Shayna singing in the Living Christmas Tree and also on the big screen as she read out the intimations for church for the week ahead!! David and Catalina playing guitar together was something they had both waited a long time to do. It was so nice to be able to fulfill all these dreams!

We had some times of babysitting the grandkids and that was of course especially nice for us. These kids are growing like mushrooms and it was great to be there to enjoy this stage of their lives as we get to know them better.

December Advent Sunday evenings were times to get together with family and friends and just prepare for the upcoming Christmas. We enjoyed fellowship, sang carols, accompanied by either Matt or Iain on the guitar, had a devotional thought from someone in the family and plenty of food to finish it off. We even had our own impromptu Grandkid choir sing for us!

Everyone was so good to us at Christmas and we were humbled and surprised by the lovely gifts we received from everyone. Allyn spoiled us once again with a cruise in January, this time further away and with more shore days.

The whole experience was wonderful, from driving down together with Iain and family to Miami, visiting Nassau, Bahamas, where we met up with Mark Lacey, who runs the Haven for people with addictions. We appreciated him taking that time, picking us up, showing the ministry, taking us around the island, and of course the banter was precious!! Our next port was St Thomas Island, with its beautiful beaches and unspoiled scenery, followed by San Juan, Puerto Rico, an ancient town, which conquered every assault for 400 years thanks to its twin fortresses. Finally, we relaxed again in Grand Turk, enjoyed the wonderful views, crystal clear water and refreshing winds. Hard to believe it was January at around 85 degrees!!! We appreciated the many faceted activities on board and the food was of course wonderful. Thanks Allyn for helping build these memories with us!

**PROBLEMS** - as you all know, are never far from our door, and some difficulties presented themselves in these months. Shortly before we arrived Jon Marc's wife Jennifer abandoned him taking the children, so he has been dealing with court issues, child support and many other difficult things, with an already deeply saddened heart. But through it all, we have been encouraged as we witnessed his refusal to show bitterness or hatred in each situation thrown at him. Indeed, he often puts us all to shame with his calm demeanor and total dependence on the Lord to vindicate him and lead him each step of the way. The family, have stepped up in innumerable ways to help Jon Marc and the children, as have many of his friends, for which he is truly grateful and how very thankful we are that in our absence they are there for him. Jon Marc would appreciate your prayers at this difficult time, as he makes many life-changing decisions, and for Jennifer he would ask you to pray firstly, that she will get herself into a right relationship with the Lord.

**PARTING** is one of these things we never enjoy, but like all good things they must end and we are left with many wonderful memories. We had a lovely last weekend with everyone together and then Allyn left us in Charlotte. Time had flown, but we knew it was days well spent and we thank each one who made our stay worthwhile!!

On reaching Chicago we were delayed with 10 inches of snow at first, then as the incoming plane had damaged its undercarriage our flight out was eventually cancelled. After a night in a hotel, we waited around all day before boarding around 9pm, and then having our plane de-iced for another hour. These delays were not wasted though, as we spent many hours witnessing and interacting with the other passengers. Some of



Family Time



The Children's Choir



Our Cruise

those who were the most agitated at the delay, were among those saying it was definitely planned by God, before we left the airport.

Unfortunately, we did miss one meeting in Ballywillwill Gospel Hall, which we were very sorry about, but they were ably updated by Martin Bell, who has assured us of another date!!

**PREPARATION:** Now we are back in NI for a few weeks till the van is MOT'd and trailer refilled. We have a few meetings here and two in Scotland at the beginning of March, before leaving to return to the field. We don't have quite the anticipated rush, since the team due to arrive soon after us from USA, is now not coming, due to unforeseen circumstances.

No worries, the Lord will provide the people and the necessities to get His work completed in his time! Meantime, we have plenty to do, churches to strengthen, believers to mentor, unsaved to witness to and the socially needy to help as much as we can. Already, we have a few people lined up to visit with us on their journeys through Greece for one reason or another.

News from Bitola is that Maya, a young lady from Peter's firm, has trusted the Lord. She is very keen and even holding Bible studies in her lunch-break to let her friends know what has happened.

The girls in University all did very well in their semester exams and are shining brightly as they testify to many others around them.

People in Greece are skeptical that the new government can perform the miracles they have promised, so we will see how that develops over the year. We have heard that a team of investigators have bene set up to look into political corruption, which we all know is a huge problem there. The weather in both Greece and MK over the past months has been wet and there have been reports of flooding especially in low lying areas.

**PRAYER LETTER:** Please contact Charles/Bertha if you are having any problems receiving the letters or have any necessary changes. He finds many are moving street address or changing emails and he has no forwarding details. Please give him both your email address and your street address, even if you want email. Otherwise, if you want to go on the website [mizpahoutreach.org](http://mizpahoutreach.org) the newest PL will be on there, and with a little searching you can find backdated copies too.

2015 is already well underway and we know many of you have had some hard knocks in recent days. As we remember you all, we thank you for your continued love & prayers for us. Please pray on, as we know 'nothing of lasting value is accomplished except through prayer!' Do we realize, prayer is not only a privilege, but a weapon against Satan's onslaughts in the days we live in?

Yours for a harvest of souls,

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