



Dear Praying Friends,

Returning here in late March, we immediately noticed the results of the **constant heavy rainfall** Greece has experienced over these past months. Firstly, the grass everywhere was the brightest Green we have ever seen it, making the scenery as we drove home over the mountains quite spectacular. Secondly, on the flatter areas there has been much flooding and still many fields are sitting deep in water. The roads were sandbagged on one lane and therefore only one was open to drive on. The fields have not been sown yet from spring, retarding the crops for another year.

On reaching Sevasti, we saw that although our house was in good condition and because we are on a hill, we have no residual water, yet **our street is washed away** and has deep fissures in it. Now over a month later it is still in the same condition, meaning it is not easy for our van to negotiate.

Mount Olympus is such a beautiful sight from our balcony, although even now more than 50% of it is still snow-covered.

We were glad to be back, especially when we realized just how faithful the Lord was once again, in guiding and protecting us over so many miles. There are **two main bolts** holding the tow hitch to the trailer, and one of these was sheared off and the other very well worn. As we climbed up so many hills, it could so easily have unhitched, causing a disastrous accident. PTL!

While in Ireland, we were contacted by a friend who related how **Stephen**, who has been out to work with us twice, had lost a very dear friend Linda, shortly after Christmas in a very tragic accident, caused by a runaway bus. Please pray for him and his family at this time.

Also, it was a joy to meet up with **another Stephen** who, after having been out to work in the campsite in October, as a self-confessed backslider for over 25 years, recommitted his life to the Lord on November 10th. Please pray for him and the impact on those around him. Pray also for the plan for him to return here in May with Norman to work again on the campsite. One of our sons declared 'you should keep the property a perpetual construction site' as so many have gone home and found or recommitted themselves to the Lord.

Also while at home, David along with Wilma's immediate **Scottish family arranged** a short stay for us all, as a surprise for her big birthday [21 with 39 years experience]. There was almost murder in our home, as David tried to keep it secret, going behind Wilma's back on numerous occasions to cancel the visits she had planned with various people. They were 100% in agreement and even helped in the efforts to keep her from finding out!

However, the tables were turned on both of us when we reached our destination and Wilma's sister had arranged with **Allyn** that he should also be there to celebrate his 30th. We had a lovely time together and we are both very thankful for the all the effort the family put into it!

Our travels have taken us already three times into **FYROM** and it was a great joy to spend both the Western Easter and the Orthodox Easter [which were this year one week apart] with some of our dearest friends over there.

We have met up with **two of our three University students** and they are doing well, although finding their respective courses require every minute of their time. They are very appreciative of the monetary help we give them and we ask that you continue to pray for their witness to their colleagues.

Ruza [founding member of the Gevgelija church] and her daughter **Magdalena**, lost their husband/father recently in very tragic circumstances, as while in hospital for a fairly routine operation, he was given the wrong medication, destroying some of his organs and causing an excruciatingly



Norman & Stephen



Wilma's Birthday

painful death. Please pray for them, especially Magdalena, who is pursuing a relationship with an Orthodox man.

Bitola is experiencing a period of growth at the moment, with the recent addition of several young men to the fellowship and Bible study. We are all delighted because of the return of Marin and Nellie to help with personal evangelism.

We have already made huge inroads into the supplies we brought with us, as they have been received by the poor, ill and disabled people whom we have contact with. We have had guests stay with us for most of a week, and have made visits to many others whom we knew would be expecting to see us. It was a joy for us to reunite and to see the calendars open to the proper date, even when we arrived unannounced. Please pray on for fruit from these evangelistic messages and as we discuss further with these needy people.

A special joy was preaching in the **Berea church** and renewing fellowship with these people who pray so much for us. One family attended the meeting whose brother had actually travelled 550 kms to preach in a church nearby on the same evening!

It is wonderful to hear of the visiting Jews taking New Testaments back to various countries in the world, after visiting the synagogue here. One of these men, who was so thrilled to receive a copy, has [like so many others] survived three terrible wars protecting Israel, and even lost a leg in the final conflict. Pray that through reading he'll realize his long-awaited Messiah has already come.

Thanks to **Pastor Nikos** from the Berea church, our garden now has, a lemon tree, a hazelnut tree, and a few others for 'aroma' to add to our pomegranate and fig trees.

Olga, one of the young folks who attends the Katerini youth is completing her second year of Bible School in Athens and returns for a third year. Pray for wisdom as she seeks what the Lord would have her do in the future.

Pastor Mike from Thessaloniki will once again be needing pulpit supply, while he is off for 2 months in the summer and David will do his best to fill as many slots as possible.

Allyn has just returned from **Guatemala**, where his organization World Help are partnering with a number of local organizations and churches to help many hundreds of hungry, helpless and hopeless children. Some of the pictures he sent are heart-breaking, yet we know these are the most fortunate children to have been taken into care.

Last month, he visited **Iraq and Jordan** and in meeting many of the same refugees, found their situations so different. Last time, many were traumatized and shocked at how they had just escaped with their lives and had very horrific stories to tell. Now, 9 months on, although they are very thankful for the help they get, the reality of having lost everything and having no homeland to return to is sinking in. The thoughts of potentially many years [the average stay at refugee camps being around 12 years] before they will get the opportunity to begin a new life outside of their 'canvas towns' is soul-destroying. Many of these are professional people, bankers, lawyers, doctors, hated for their education or wrong brand of Islam. One father told Allyn how his **9 year old son** had been killed like a dog, after neighbors had identified the family as Christians. The father had not been at home, so I.S. simply slaughtered the eldest son.

But once again, **Satan has overstepped himself**, and thousands of Muslim people, forced from their homes and losing everything are finding Christians, with open hearts and arms. These people are responding to the voice of the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for His Sheep. Islam can't touch a love like this!

Without much warning, **Bryan & Tiffany** were asked to accept another little boy into their family. He has been with them around a month and is only 2 months old. This makes 7 children, 9 and under. Full house and big hearts!!



Allyn in Guatemala



Bryan & Tiffany's growing family



Shayna in "Oliver"



Evangeline, Jon Marc,
& Christian

Iain & Tanja continue working with TRBC and have a pretty full program. **Shayna** recently acted in a musical production of *Oliver*, which she enjoyed immensely. Tanja helps out in Kid's Sunday School and runs a weekly Women's Bible Class as well as entertaining many people in the home, including our own family. As this goes to print, we have just heard Tanja's mother, **Christa**, has taken a turn for the worse and now her kidneys are failing. They have tried dialysis but her heart is very weak. She is on high doses of morphine for the pain.

Jon Marc and his children thoroughly enjoy their times of being together as they undertake many fun activities. He asks that you continue to pray for Him, as he tries to show a Christlike reaction in each situation. We can't help but ponder what the Lord has in store for him.

One major item for praise is concerning Davey, Wilma's brother-in-law, who had been having treatment for bladder cancer in this past year. His recent reports have shown there is absolutely no cancer to be seen. **Nora & Davey**, plus ourselves, are very thankful to all those who prayed for them during this difficult time.

Please pray for us as we walk through the doors He opens here. Please also pray for the finances necessary to continue work in the camp. As well as **Norman & Stephen** in May, Wilma's brother Neil will join us for almost two weeks in June to work with David on the site.

To 'raise the profile of the work', we have pledged to be **longer at home in 2016** and therefore plan to be in Northern Ireland from January till Easter week when David will be available for meetings. April 1-3rd we are unavailable, but will be in Scotland from April 4th and depending how many Scottish meetings we have, we plan to do English meetings in May. This is an early warning with only approximate dates, for those who like to be booked up in advance.

We appreciate your continued prayer for the ministry.

Your servants in Christ,

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