



Dear Praying Friends,

At the beginning of 2015, we along with the Mizpah Board, noted that because so many of our elderly prayer partners, had gone on to Glory, and we were no longer known among those in authority in the various fellowships. To rectify the problem, it was agreed we would spend longer on deputation this year, visit more churches, and raise further prayer support to ensure effectiveness in impacting souls for eternity.

Imagine how difficult it was for us to keep to this decision, in the light of what we had to leave behind, with the opportunities among the refugees/migrants suddenly landing on Greek shores. Yet, it has become strikingly apparent to us, that prayer is desperately needed like seldom before, and therefore this time at home has been of vital importance. We have in the course of these past months, seen the attitudes and fears of many of God's people, with regard to this influx of Muslims, change from anger, fear, worry even bigotry, to a willingness or even yearning for talking to others about a Heavenly Father, who loves them, just as He does us, and of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave His life as a ransom for their sins and is the only answer to life's problems. We know it is not fashionable to be this direct in our approach, but if we don't get together and reach these people, the consequences will be even more tragic all round. These people are coming your way, please be prepared to greet them!

It has been lovely to see with old friends and meet new ones. By the last month, we had multiple meetings a day, which were exhausting, thrilling, challenging and rewarding, to see people respond positively to the challenge! It is easy to sing, 'Our God reigns,' and yet to be fearful of sharing the Gospel with the unsaved. **One 9 year old** told her mum she wanted to be a missionary, and others are willing to serve the Lord full-time, and some are even coming out inside the next few months.

We were delighted to be invited back to fellowships we hadn't been in for a good number of years and to share with new meetings, as well as visiting with those who have so faithfully carried us through many years. If we missed you out, we do apologize but we tried to be as available as possible and to at least be somewhere in your area, so you could come to us.

At Christmas, our boys and their families, gave us a 4-day all-inclusive stay in Cabra Castle, Co. Cavan! We decided to take it just before we would leave Ireland, as we knew that we would benefit best from it then. It was so well-planned by them, from a historical tour of the town where the book of Kells was written, to climbing to the oldest grave site in the World, from wonderful food to great fun, we enjoyed every minute!!! Thanks guys, we appreciated it so much!!!

We had the opportunity to witness to an atheistic guide, who was quite unable to believe God could be interested in details of our lives. He got a living demonstration of just that, as we needed a part for our car, which generally is destroyed in the breakers yards when they salvage the most needed parts. Out in the country we found a scrappy, who just happened to have gotten in a similar car and had not yet had time to dismantle it. Imagine, how **Patrick** was gob-smacked when, not only did we get the part, but it was given to us free!!!!

Another evening, David had 30 minutes witnessing to some of the hotel staff, before one of them asked David to pray for them. The next day she told us she had slept better that night than for years and they all eagerly took Gospel literature.

Over 35 years ago, while working in the East Bloc, David met his first ever born-again priest. **Father B** sincerely believed and continued to tell people about Jesus, knowing that soon he would be removed from his post. He was - to a small, out of the way congregation in Germany! Recently, in an incredible co-incidence, we met his best friend, who was astonished that we had known B, but told us he had died in most suspicious circumstances soon after being moved. There have always been faithful martyrs for Jesus, from the 1st century right up to the present in Kovani, Homs etc. However, most of the Christians we have met in the camps have



Cabra Castle



Collecting Firewood



Eidomeni



Refugees Staying with Team



Refugees Baking Bread

been nominal Christians, who don't know Jesus and yet they are willing to die rather than convert to Islam! How tragic?

Twice during these months, we went back to Greece and were working in the camps to encourage our teams and make sure they had finances [primarily, thanks to World Help], to continue the work in the camps. From the opening moments, it was clear that God was in control. One lady ran up calling, 'I remember you, you gave me an Injul [N.T.] 2 months ago, I have been reading and praying every day since.'

The opportunity came to witness to a lady who had cried all afternoon, praying that God would send someone to help her and her two children, because her husband had been put in a Greek jail. David prayed with her and the next day when they met, she was very excited to show him that her husband was just being led into camp, having been released and they were all allowed through the border. One lady now convinced that God does answer prayer!

On the return journey in February, while in **Istanbul airport**, we had the opportunity to witness to a family from the Ivory Coast, also travelling to Dublin. This ended up in a big discussion, with many Muslim passengers listening, as David shared the Gospel, using a French Bible.

Meanwhile the situation continues to deteriorate in Greece, as since the borders closed, the camp at Eidomeni, built for **3,000 transiting people, had overflowed to 15,000** unhappy migrants, trapped with no guarantee of an exit strategy. Our teams have kept visiting and began building relationships with families and individuals whose living conditions were decreasing from bad to appalling. Food, clothing, shoes and medicines were simply not sufficient to go round. Weeks of rain made it a nightmare, particularly for those who didn't even have tents to sleep in. Eventually, individuals on the teams brought people to their own homes, for warmth, meals, and showers. These visits sometimes lasted weeks, allowing the migrants to attend church. This is an effective way of reaching families, meaning that if they become believers together they don't have to stand-alone.

Eventually, the government decided to break up the camp into smaller, easier controlled camps, one of which is an **ex-military camp in Berea**, set in a beautiful riverside location in the mountains. Our World Help group is the only NGO allowed to work inside with the over 400 Syrians because we don't have a political agenda. Often they have to bring sick people to the Dr or hospital, where they would be given a diagnosis, but as Greece is in no position to give them their medications or treatment, we have been trying to help out in that particular area. Also, to get official paperwork, everyone has to make an appointment and travel in person, sometimes hundreds of kilometers to the particular office dealing with their case, and we are trying to help those who have no finances, by buying them tickets for transport.

On his recent trip back, David visited 4 of the camps in the 3 days he was there, trying to work out better methods of reaching the needs over the months ahead. Opportunities to share the Gospel are plentiful, but many are nervous of the consequences. One friend from France, **[G]** has been very effective in distributing scriptures and leading souls to the Saviour. Recently, she hired a bus and brought 60 migrants to witness three of their friends being baptized.

M., who has been recently converted and baptized in another fellowship, has been extremely influential in working among his own people and giving them scriptures. We are constantly looking for such Saul/Paul transformations, which can be incredibly used by God, as these fearless individuals know Islam and can speak with authority about the personal life changing effects of 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Two of the camps have over 2,000 inhabitants, while Eidomeni has still over 8,000 from literally dozens of nations and is a pretty grim place. Enterprising individuals are selling everything that hasn't been nailed down, from cigarettes to old shoes. Four men have started baking and selling pita bread, which despite ignoring hygiene, is very popular with the migrants.

A typical problem: 1 Muslim man marries with 4 daughters, divorces 1st wife and remarries and has another daughter. Naturally, it has to be the woman's fault! Now as migrants - he beats her and her adult sister mercilessly, 'cos he can! The sister, who has attended church, tried to escape, but was caught, is now in a different camp, but could be returned to his care! Pray for a solution!

One short term worker **Mike and his wife from Georgia, USA**, has since taken retirement and come to help in the camp for 2 years. David lifted two volunteers from one camp to the other. **Rachel**, 50% Irish and her Spanish aunt **Marta**, who spoke Arabic. On being offered an Arabic NT, she totally refused, and then David offered her the only Spanish Bible he has ever brought along with him. Again adamant refusal! Years of schooling under nuns, and a 12 year unpleasant marriage with a Moroccan, had turned her totally against God.



Aydin Kara Lyttle

'You don't have to accept it, it is just a gift like salvation,' said David referring to the Bibles. 'I took His gift and He changed me!' David continued talking on the journey combining the Gospels with stories and testimony until they reached the second camp. There, Marta asked, 'Can I change my mind and have that N.T now please???' In shock, Rachel started saying, I don't believe it, I just don't!

On the family front, things are going well for them. On May 1st, **Iain and Tanja** welcomed their **new baby girl, Aydin Kara Lyttle** into the world! Although she came into the world like a tornado, in around 40 mins, she is a contented baby and we are all delighted to have her in the family bringing us to a round dozen grandchildren, who give their parents, relatives and us much joy. Recently, two of David's great nieces, **Dawn & Lois**, really touched our hearts, when they showed us how they have diverted their savings boxes into donation boxes for our work and are continuing to support us in this way. Thanks girls!!

Now we are on the home straight and by the time most of you get this letter, we will be picking up our trailer again, in Bridgnorth and heading back at the end of this month. Thank you for your continued love and support of the work and for being such a big part of our prayer team, who have the most vital responsibility - praying!

We have some people coming out over the summer hoping to work among refugees, but as the work is ever- changing and multi-faceted, we are not sure exactly how helpful it is to bring people all the way out to help. It has been our desire from the beginning to train Greek folks to reach their own people for Jesus, and we feel the same about the refugees. Better to mentor Greeks to help in the short term and, as some migrant nationals are brought to faith, disciple them, to reach their friends, family and countrymen for Jesus. It is how God designed it to be, isn't it? [2 Timothy 2:2]

For our own youth centre, we have some teams and a container of supplies coming out this year, who hope to make inroads into what needs done there, so that we can begin to train others to do the work, that when we do eventually leave, it can continue!

Please keep praying, God is doing His Work, even in the midst of apparent chaos!

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