



Dear Friends, Family and Prayer Partners,

Greetings from a lovely sunny Greece! Hard to believe at the moment, but both in September and October we had an unusually high number of wet days, often with torrential rain!!!

Delayed Program

We asked you to pray that the container would arrive Aug 31st or Sept 1st, as we had a team arriving and wanted the 'Notorious Nine' have a week of maximum productivity. Well, it didn't happen!! The container only arrived close to the date the men were leaving and due to the heavy rain, and a muddy site, wasn't actually set on our ground till ten days after that. But, everything in the container has arrived safely, for which we give thanks, and it awaits the next team of experts!!!

The assurance that God had everything under His control enabled them instead to do other necessary and preparatory tasks around the site. 1] Building a canopy 'cum Garage over the two containers already on the ground, meaning the roofless JCB won't have to sit out all winter, 2] Erecting another cabin, 3] Insulating some of the existing cabins, 4] Electrics, and so much more. We had great times of fun and fellowship, praying together for many needy areas of the world and enjoyed a great sense of unity throughout. Thanks guys!!!

As we already have a general building permit for the ground, it should only be paperwork to ensure we can build the main hall and this delay has given us time to do that.

We had some difficulties with the JCB. It is a kind of mid-life crisis in the life of this other lady in David's life, so we call her Jessie B, as when she gets temperamental she does it in style and is needy for attention!!! But things are smoothed over again and she's working well now. Long may it continue!!!

Different Program

From some of the camps, the most vulnerable of the refugees are being moved into hotels, which are now empty for the winter, to keep them from having to spend winter in tents. Many of them are now hopeful that this is a step towards being relocated, but we dread the reaction when Spring comes, if they are returned to tents and camps to allow the hotels to reopen. That will be tough, but so few people are actually being accepted at the moment so we fear this is a probability.

From one camp where there was a man who has been a believer for many years, there were also many Muslims who had attended church regularly before being put into hotels in a different area. They didn't miss the camp, but they did miss church and so our Christian friend has held services for them every week in the hotel, using the same material that the pastor as preaching in the church.

Among those who still attend churches, interest is high and hearts are being softened towards the Gospel. In many cases, attendance is spurred by watching the concern and care they are given by the Christians and it is nice to see their gratitude. Just today, David found out that three of the ladies who had attended his last service were angrily questioned by several of the men when they got back, and later one of them [M] was quite badly beaten. These ladies still courageously keep coming to church and so far they have not been troubled further.

There are many answers to prayer for which we are very thankful!!!

1. In one service recently, with 3 way translation, English - Greek - Arabic, David knew incredible liberty as he preached and afterwards **three young Syrian men** committed their lives to Christ.
2. **Bible studies** are being held in one home for adult refugees who live close to us.
3. **Copies of God's Word** are being given out and continue to bring comfort to many.
4. Various teams of Christian groups, although no longer allowed in the camps, are holding **Bible studies in centers** outside the camps and, are being encouraged by the numbers attending and showing interest.
5. David's **translator, mentioned in Prayer Letter 129** is now attending another fellowship in Athens, as he awaits permission to leave the country.
6. **Abdullah**, who went off with the people smugglers some time ago [PL 129] has arrived safely in Germany and sent word back.

Thanks for praying!



Container Arriving



Men working on the roof



Three young Syrian men

Please pray on for the whole situation. We don't profess to know the solution, but something needs to be done for the 60,000 + who have been stranded in this already seriously stressed Greek nation. For those who have spent already many months separated from the rest of their families, for the women and kids now trying to join husbands in other countries and extremely vulnerable to attacks from other men. Pray also for the many new babies being born every week here in Greece and for the extra medical facilities needed for all the extra, malnourished and weakened people, with acute physical and spiritual needs. The levels of frustration are sometimes high and folks are on the whole very discouraged, workers and refugees alike. Some children are now in school here, but many haven't been for over 2 years.

Demanding Program

David had a very nasty fall after stepping on a supposedly steady brick step, which spun around, throwing him back against the corner edge of the large foundation, connecting with most of his protruding bony parts and the back of his skull. Feeling faint, he had the sense to phone Wilma, who came to his aid and after treatment he had three weeks in pain. Thankfully, nothing was broken and his head injury left no after effects and he has been able to keep up with his work.

When this happened, we had already packed the big van for a trip to help the victims of **flooding in Skopje**. We had been given a list of needed supplies like tools, paint, clothing, medications etc, by the believers there who are trying to help in the devastation, which left at least 6,000 homes, destroyed. Hundreds, especially of older ladies with no families, still have cellars full of mud and live on the second floor of their homes.

We still managed to make the delivery, David taking regular pain medication and stopping more often to rest or walk around a bit. One church had already replaced flooring for over 60 homes.

Ministry still continues on both sides of the border and sometimes it seems we don't have enough weeks!!

Delightful Program

We celebrated **40 years of marriage** in September and our boys and their families arranged an all expenses paid holiday for us in **Santorini**. They sorted the flights, hotel, boat trips, meals, spending money and we even had a cabriolet car waiting for us at the airport!!! As days off were very scarce this summer, we were ready for the rest. We thoroughly enjoyed it all. David's painful joints did stop him riding a mule up the volcano, but we didn't miss the view, travelling instead in the cable car. We also had many wonderful opportunities to witness, and one of the most special was with a young couple celebrating their first anniversary. They were of Indian descent, living in Philadelphia and called **Shiv & Krishna**. For about 40 mins, they had the chance to learn about a living, loving God and at the end the young man said, 'This meeting was planned by God!' This conversation took place at the highest point of the island at Agios Ilias, Monastery of the Prophet Elijah! To sum up Santorini, it was Great food, Gorgeous scenery and Glorious sunsets! We are so thankful to our family for this lovely treat!!!

Mid October, we brought the van and trailer back to Ireland to allow us the longest possible time to give out the calendars to the people round here, before we fly to the USA for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

We had a lovely journey home although, getting close to Calais, we almost had a few extra passengers! David stopped for fuel and came back to find two refugees trying to get into the trailer and another two trying to get into the back doors of the van. David yelled at them and they fled into the trees. Later that same day, the migrants blocked the road and in his desperation to get past the blockade, a British truck driver inadvertently killed a migrant and seriously injured his wife, before being forced to flee the scene, as 50 migrants tried to attack him. Thank you for continued prayer on our behalf.

Arriving in Ireland, we had planned our journey to coincide with two weddings. Our nephew **Colin married Grace** and two young friends, **Rachel and Andy** were married as well. Both weddings were beautiful, well organized, lovely venues and we had a great time. We wish both couples all the best in their future lives together.

David also got a meeting to speak at and another February booking, as a result of the first wedding and our few lovely days were well filled with good times with friends and family.

As soon as we arrived back, it was time to get involved again. The car had to have new tyres to pass its test and thankfully, because Jonathan changed the shock absorbers when he was here from Austria, we didn't have any big work to do and it sailed through. We are very thankful for another answer to prayer.

We now have the **calendars being packed** and ready for David to begin his visits, which he is really looking forward to. Please pray for these efforts and we will update you with the news of that in the next prayer letter.



Santorini



Shiv & Krishna



**Allyn with refugees
outside Mosul, Iraq**

Dangerous Program

It was a huge sigh of relief to hear that **Allyn** and his co-workers were safely out of Mosul, Iraq. He was there during the first week of the joint offensive to retake the city. He was gathering reliable updated data on the refugee situation, before making further decisions on how best to help those in such desperate need. Thank you for praying for him as he did what he knew was God's Will at that time.

The rest of our clan are well and we look forward to seeing them in our bi-annual visit to the family and friends there. Two of our grandkids we haven't yet met and we are excited to see them all!!!

Again, we are very thankful to have been given the use of a mission house from TRBC while in the USA and look forward to times of refreshing, helping out in meetings and giving folks a closer look at what the Lord is doing here.

Our address this Christmas will be:

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May we once again take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers and sacrificial support ,as well as wishing you all God's richest blessings for the Christmas season and in 2017.

There are just a few chances for people to meet in Feb when in Ireland, as we will return to Greece earlier this year:

Deputation Program

FEBRUARY:

Mon, 6th - Emmanuel Presbyterian, Belfast. *7:30pm*

Fri, 10th - Mourview Baptist Christmas Dinner, Craigavon Civic Centre. *7:30pm*

Sun, 26th - Fermanagh Christian Fellowship. *11am & 6pm*

MARCH:

Wed, 1st - Abbottscross Ladies

Sun. 5th - Abbottscross. *6:30pm*

Mon. 6th - Lisburn Congregational Ladies meeting. *8pm*

Leaving Ireland around March 9th

Yours for a great harvest,

David & Wilma

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