



Dear Praying People,

Travelling around England, we didn't have much Internet access and of course, we had so many things going on for the ministry, from prayer letters, correspondence, to first time submitting the N.I. Charity Commission paperwork, the new Data Protection Laws and also a container being filled and ready to send out. We are so thankful to have our Committee standing behind us during all these times. [Not sure they realized what they signed up for!]

**Charles McCluskey** had the brunt of the work with the Charity Commission, and it was a headache, also for **Jennifer and Hugh**, as they tried to satisfy the many new demands and rules. However, finally everything was worked out well and we can only thank those who went the extra mile to help in this matter, which should be easier next year!

**Martin Bell** took the most of the pressure with the container, and although it didn't arrive when the men were here, as we would have liked, it did arrive safe and in order, in God's time. We are also thankful to **Allyn**, who very quickly made a letter on Data Protection to go out with the last Prayer Letter, which was ready for sending. And we are of course, extremely grateful to **all of you** who are returning these letters daily.

If you are reading this letter, chances are, you answered, and thanks to **Charles, Bertha, Oliver, Alan & Linda**, who collected all the data and made it ready for posting, it has arrived! It is such an encouragement to us, that you remember to pray for and support us in this work. Please pray for those behind the scenes, who do so much to keep us going, on top of their already busy programs.

Just before leaving England, we had one or two services and were able to visit Morden Baptist for the first time in many years, due to the Vehicle Low Emissions zones. Thanks to **Peter Leech**, who came to a service station, picked us up and returned us safely to our van afterwards. It was so nice to see some faces we know and love as well as others, who won't be strangers next time! Pray for Peter, who by the time you get this letter, will be in Zimbabwe, helping out with a mission there, as he has done for quite a few years now.

While in a town South of London, David met a hairdresser called **Androula**, of Greek origin. Very disillusioned with the Orthodox church, she had left it, and now as a divorced mother with 12 year old twins, they are attending Hillsong. She is considering the claims of Christ and David was delighted with the opportunity of witnessing to her.

We took the longer trek through Italy on our way back as we can get a much cheaper ferry down near the bottom. This also allowed us to go the Rimor Camping shop and pick up some much needed parts for the camper, which are very difficult to get at home. Since getting here, we have hit the floor running and spent the first days clearing up the weeds from the entire grounds, some of which were 8ft high, with roots as thick as your fist! Just on time for the first team arriving, we managed to get the area and house ready!

**Norman and Gary** stayed the entire duration that the teams were here, and others men came and went as their program allowed. Massive changes are taking place with the underground water and electric piping being laid, the bathroom facility beginning to take shape, the security hut done, missionary cabin exterior has been built, doors and windows fitted and bases laid for 7 more cabins. The men still jokingly call David Pharaoh, but no one could drive these man to do what they do, so willingly. But, 'dijits' to the end, they stood and saluted Pharaoh, as he was leaving them at Thessaloniki Airport, much to the interest of the police, who had no idea who this 'important' personality could be! We honestly have great craic [good fun] and powerful times of prayer together, and we are very thankful for each of their efforts for His Kingdom!

Please pray for **Norman and Angela** as they go to Papua New Guinea with a team this month, for provision, protection, and strength for each day. It is not easy to work in the heat and with the limitations placed on them, but God does undertake and uses them mightily for His Kingdom!

Amid the team visits, we had **Richard & Linda Buchanan** from Australia with us, who are the state directors for SIL [Wycliffe Translator associates]. On their way to visit us, Richard was pickpocketed on the Metro - losing a lot of money from stolen cards. The following day, they were told they must change trains immediately on their way North to us, resulting in them leaving behind a backpack, containing computer, passports etc. This meant visits to the police, making reports, contacting embassies, and returning to Australian Embassy in Athens, to order new passports. But in the midst of all the turmoil, it also meant meeting a lot of incredible people, who arranged accommodation, continually called different venues to try and trace the backpack, and in general went many miles in an attempt to help them. They returned to us from Athens for the week and Richard helped out in the camp with the men. There was a miraculous ending to the story, as when they arrived back to the Australian Consulate to collect the passports, someone had handed in the backpack with computer, so they returned rejoicing at this answer to prayer.

During the weeks that the team were with us here in Sevasti, we were praying together for a 26yr old Christian police woman called **Marianda**. She had cancer which hadn't responded to chemo, and the operating surgeon said that to operate would be like performing euthanasia. She said, 'You are a Christian, I am a Christian, we both trust Him, Go ahead!' In the military hospital in Athens the surgery which took over 10 hours was performed and a kidney, a lung and part of her liver were removed. The surgeon was so amazed at how well she had done, was in tears as he told the family. The



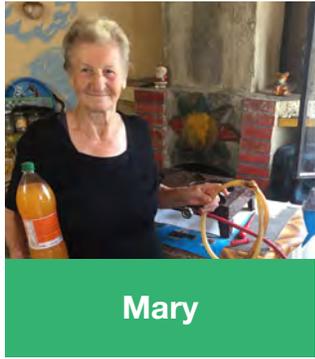
Androula



Richard & Linda



Pauline



Mary

anesthetist, [boss of the hospital], who had been opposed to the surgery, told her later, that it was only her and God who were present in that theatre. He had never seen anything like it! Her amazing testimony and courage were known throughout the hospital and in many areas of Greece

Further surgery was performed and Marianda was progressing amazingly. Imagine our shock when, just a couple of hours after rejoicing at the results, we got news that God had taken her home following a massive stroke caused by a large clot. Yet, in the end we know that God's Will is always good, acceptable and perfect. Pray on for her divorced parents and sisters as they cope with their loss.

During a coffee break, our team smelled fire. A few minutes later, **Mary**, an elderly widow came down needing a replacement Gas pipe, as hers had exploded and went on fire. She had managed, despite being scared, to switch off the cylinder and fortunately we had some piping here so it was soon in working order again for her.

David has been preaching most Sundays and many weekdays too, in either Greece or Northern Macedonia and as always it is a joy to encourage believers and see unsaved coming into the services. **[NB: FYROM is now to be called Northern Macedonia]**.

On the first Sunday we were here, David was preaching in **Sevasti** [our village]. He enjoys being here as so many of the people he has witnessed to can come along to the church. Now that it is summer, there are many visitors who are Greeks living abroad and coming home for vacation or to see family. So we often have a lot of extra people in the church. Some Orthodox come along and even **Anna**, [who lost a son called Theo] came along with her son **Vasilis**, for the very first time this past week.

The baptismal tank we brought back for the **Berea church** has been installed and we look forward to seeing many people, including Muslim converts, being baptized in the next months and years. After preaching in the Berean church, David brought a young man **Ala**, back to the refugee camp during Ramadan. **Salat**, whose father is a pastor in Iraq, has been up and down to Athens, trying to get his I.D. card, which will allow him to join family in Sweden eventually. The church will miss his help with translation and his willingness to bring other young men along to the church, but it will be good for him to be back with his family.

It has been great to be back in contact with many of our refugee friends, although some have moved on to other countries since we left, but they are always being replaced by others. Most of the refugees find it hard to be settled here in Greece, which is totally understandable as it isn't the future they imagined after leaving Syria. Yet, it seems for many, that the alternatives are either, to settle here in Greece or return to their own country, neither of which is what they want to do!

Loads of visitors, refugees, migrant workers, Jews and tourists from many other countries continue to arrive in Greece and this is an open doorway to giving out copies of God's Word, which is of course, a great opportunity for us. We welcomed some German Jews recently in Berea, who were visiting with the Greek Consul. 5 of them accepted New Testaments and 1 took a Gospel booklet. Pray on for these open doors to evangelize!

**Bitola Assembly** is doing well. Alex has been in Germany, as he is still having trouble with his knee. Marin is often in Bulgaria for ministry, leaving the fellowship to Borche and Peter, who are capable and very faithful, but both have exhausting jobs, difficult home situations and therefore not a lot of spare time for preparation, far less visiting or encouraging others. We are glad to be able to help out and enjoy being with them all.

One of the two brothers who sold us the ground for our camp was **Giannis Moisidis**. He had been the preacher of the church here in Sevasti for over 30 years, until he was just too old to do it. In latter years, David had brought him and his wife to the market and to shop on a regular basis, until his wife died two years ago. Giannis, was in hospital and not doing well. David felt he had to go and see him and on the way there, the verse from Luke 2:29 'Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,' was strongly impressed on David's mind. It appears that the day before, Giannis had asked about Brother David and as he reached the hospital, David was told by his brother Tassos, that Giannis was dying and they had to leave the room. They prayed together and soon after the Dr came with the news of Giannis passing. It was a sad time, but the funeral was glorifying to the Lord. As the pastor preached from Luke 2:29, it was no coincidence, but a reassurance that Giannis had wanted nothing more than to depart for his Eternal Home.

Our next visitors were **Andy & Rachel Millar**, from N. Ireland, who are new missionary candidates. We have known Rachel since she was a little girl and Andy for many years from his home church, Glengormley Baptist. Andy helped David empty the stuff for the camp from the container, allowing us to reach the baby cots and relief goods, and Rachel was involved in packing and repacking clothing for the refugees. Please pray as they continue to study and seek the Lord's will for future service.

Immediately following all of this, we were in Lynchburg for the wedding of **Jonny & Heather Hewitt**. Our tickets were paid for by Michael and Caroline Hewitt and not only were we able to be part of the wedding shower, rehearsal dinner, the beautiful Christ-centred wedding ceremony and reception, but we had the added bonus of seeing our children and grandchildren!

We were so grateful for this time and not only was it lovely to enjoy some summer weather with everyone at the lake, going out for ice-cream, etc etc. We also were taken to Toronto, Canada and to see the Niagara Falls. It was a lovely eventful trip and we enjoyed it immensely. Many thanks to everyone who made it all possible, and for the great memories, which will last a lifetime!

It has always been special to spend time with our friends from Gevgelija and we have had hours of fellowship over the Word of God. They still face opposition but are conscious of open doors and victories along the way! Recently, they joined the **Jonathan & Elizabeth Tink family** and us for a week of fellowship and work! Jonathan preached



Andy & Rachel



Jonny & Heather



## Tink Family in Greece

for David in Berea and we had a great day with the believers and 10 refugees who attended the service. They had some free time to see sights and visit the beach and still work was done in the camp to lay pipes for sewage and water. We know Bethany and Lydia were a huge help to the MK young folks, as they lived a Christ-like example before them. Please pray for encouragement and strength for the MK family as they work on their area, and for suitable accommodation for The Tink Family, as they continue to build the ministry in Skye.

We are sure many of you heard about the recent natural disasters to hit the Athens area. First, **wildfires** where at least 82 people were killed, 194 seriously injured and around 200 remain missing as emergency workers continue to search for bodies. This is not including the many refugees who are not registered in Athens and no one can identify them or tell if they are safe. Following this were 3 days of rain causing **flash floods** which destroyed even more property and crops. And hampered the rescue operations. We have been safe up in the North, but the Emergency services are stretched beyond limits. Please continue to pray for Greece!

Thanks for praying for **Ian, David's brother**, who is doing very much better. He has even been doing a few small jobs, and we are trusting he will continue to make progress. Our immediate family are all doing well. **Allyn** actually attended Jonny's wedding reception only, as he was held up on his 49 hour trip back from Thailand and Nepal, but he made it and kept awake all through the event. **Iain** had the responsibility for the Independence Day event at his church and we got to help him a little with that too. This month, the children will all be preparing to return to school, some of them moving to different schools and all of them moving classes. This winter until January 29th, **we will be in Lynchburg** with family. Mail can be sent as usual to Allyn Lyttle, 206 Twin Oaks Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502, USA.

We have people coming and going continually in the coming months. Visitors from MK, People from GB, Holland, a group of cyclists & their families on their way through doing a charity run, missionaries passing through to their field, or visiting on summer vacation, friends who used to live in this house [or their ancestors did] and they want to see the changes, etc etc. Already we know that from **September 12 to October 6, 26 men** will come to help out with the camp. Some will come for all the time, others, for a week and we hope to make a lot of further progress with the camp.

David has many services booked and the 'free' dates will soon fill up. We are **distributing goods** to the refugees and trust we will have that all done before the winter, as these things are vitally needed in the colder weather.

Then it will be **calendar time**, and this year for a first, we have thousands of Northern Macedonian calendars to distribute and then the churches and individuals will use them for their own outreach possibilities. Please pray for all these travels, visits etc, that we will be faithful and the Lord will glorify Himself through them.

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