



The Lyttle Family



Kristina & Venci
with daughters



Gethsemane



Scene of the car
accident

Dear Praying friends,

It is hard to believe how fast these past months have gone. They say, 'time flies when you are having fun' and the hectic activity we have just returned from in the USA, was exactly that. We had lots of fun, made many great memories, enjoyed each other's company and that of friends in the area.

We stayed in **Allyn's** home, although he had to go to **Jordan** at the start of our trip and **Peru** suddenly as we were leaving, we still had many good times together over the time there. David's **immune system** is still not what it should be and every bug which anyone had, came his way too. So he had a few coughs, colds, sore throats and tummy bugs to contend with, meaning he couldn't easily visit many of our friends who really didn't want what he had! Still, we had so many unforgettable experiences with the whole Lyttle clan and are immensely grateful to them all, for putting their normal social lives on hold to accommodate and entertain us! Details later, now we're back to porridge:

Our final weeks in Greece were very busy, as expected, with the regular meetings, making sure refugees were cared for over winter, packing for the USA and home, getting vehicles prepared for the trip, finishing off things in the camp that needed done and preparing the house to be closed through the winter, as well as calendar outreaches in both in Greece and Macedonia!

Our friends Kristina and Venci, translated the calendars into Macedonian, which were then printed in Germany. As is typical of any new venture for God, they were inadvertently sent to Albania and had to be returned to us, who then took them into Macedonia, for distribution to 1,000's of folks across the country. This is the first time in many years that such a supply of calendars have been printed for NMK, and already we have seen there is a great need for many more copies this coming year. Praise God for the hunger to have God's Word, for those willing to give their time and effort to translate and for those used by God to print.

Calendar Outreach continues to be a very effective doorway to Gospel presentation in both Macedonia and Greece. This year we gave around 380 copies in Greek to our friends, neighbors and other contacts, and had to get additional copies of Bulgarian, Romanian, Albanian, and Russian. As the Refugees either don't have a wall to hang a calendar or are afraid of persecution from other Muslims, we have Arabic and Farsi calendars in book form for their use.

With such a tremendous opportunity, there are always many great stories to tell and people needing prayer:

- **Gethsemane:** A contact of many years, whom we seldom see, has been through much heartache and moved house to a location we didn't know. One random day, as David was visiting another contact, Gethsemane parked her bicycle beside his car, to do house cleaning in a nearby house. She was delighted to once again have her calendar!!
- Over the years we have had many containers delivered, so have been giving 2 or 3 calendars to the drivers. This year **8 of the men**, including the boss, actually asked if they could have a personal copy, with none of the usual banter about 'religion!'
- New road works prevented us getting to **a cement firm** last year. This past year we tried three times unsuccessfully to find a way, finally meeting up with **an Albanian worker**, who jumped into the car and brought us the detour of a few miles to find it. Of course, there were smiles all round! The Albanian guide refused a tip for helping, but gladly accepted a calendar and gave us his phone number for further contact.
- One lady **drove her car into a tree** in a huge carpark, just as David approached!! He helped lift some of the broken pieces and checked everyone was ok. The result: a good time of sharing with them about Jesus and both the **New Parking Attendant plus Elizabeth** the passenger requested a calendar.
- Many **new contacts** have been added this year, which is really exciting and many of those gladly accepted a new testament and sometimes Gospel booklets.

Please pray for **Dr Kostas in Sweden** [mentioned in the last letter], who has continued to read this awesome book - The Bible, and is continually writing back with many questions. We just heard that after reading the book of Job, Kostas prayed that God would make Himself known to him. Soon afterwards, while wearing earphones, someone spoke in his ear. And when he took the earphones out to listen, the question was: 'Do you know Jesus loves you?' Kostas was shocked and sat down for further conversation with the two young people, who witnessed faithfully to him and invited him to church. God is working in this young man's life. Pray He will find the One who can answer all His questions!!

We have previously asked prayer for **Filipos** [6], [son of Timothy & Galini,] who as one of the complications of his illness still takes sporadic fits. Recently, on one of his visits to a specialist, the Dr was totally surprised at his improvement. 'I am very, very pleased', he said, following it up with, 'But you do know, this is a terminal illness.' Galini, who often interprets for us replied, 'But you do know, he is an answer to prayer!' Please pray on!



Giannis & Melpo

Giannis and Melpo, from our refugee team in Berea, took 10 days holidays in late November and instead of going to sun themselves on some warm beach, they **went to visit refugees** who had passed through their church, some even their home, in the previous couple of years. This is pastoral care at its greatest, showing love in such tangible ways. Many of the refugees insisted they stay overnight at their 'homes' which they did! They were delighted to find that those who had come to Christ were going on in the faith, and even those still in the valley of decision were just as excited to see them. Others who have recently trusted Christ since going to Germany, accredit their first exposure to Christianity to be when they passed through Greece. What a testimony to the Lord!

We have since heard that Greece has had a lot of cold weather and snow this year, making life even more difficult for the refugees, especially the many who are still in tents or living rough on the streets.

And they are still coming, even risking the winter seas! **Migrant arrivals in Europe** have amounted to **2,200 people, and 208 fatalities** at sea were recorded already in January 2019, with not even a promise of an asylum interview in sight for up to 5 years. Our job is to reach them with the Only Hope they have for their lives at this time.

Before leaving, we finished up some odd-jobs in our camp site. Like painting wood surfaces that couldn't last through winter, clearing up tools etc, locking everything safely. We met up with some of our refugee friends and fulfilled preaching engagements, saying our goodbyes to everyone.

Setting off, we weren't far down the road, till we found we had **no electrics working** in the camper. This meant no heat, no water pump, no fridge or freezer. So it was a cold couple of days, till we found a man willing to repair it in Italy. This time we had a new route across France directly to Eire. We made it on 2nd class motorways, saving us on road tolls. Hours after we passed through, all the motorways in that area were closed down by the **'Yellow Vest Protestors'** in France, which led to hundreds of arrests and 10 deaths. Thankfully, we avoided it, as had we gotten caught, we'd not only have missed the boat, but also the plane connection for the USA. God once again prepared the way for us!

In the USA, we enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving, 6 family birthdays, 4 Advent Sundays [where the boys took turns at devotions], musicals [some of which our grandkids were performing in], a football game, Christmas, New Year, Rabbe Burns evening, Ice Hockey, Shooting on David's b'day and an Escape Room and Caverns on Wilma's. To cap it all, as a Christmas gift, we were given a **4-day trip to Washington** with the entire family. This was such a joy and the first time in many years that it has been possible. We ate in fantastic restaurants, visited the Zoo, lots of museums, including the Bible Museum, Holocaust Museum, Dulles Air & Space Museum, Natural Historic and so much more. What precious memories we have of our time together and we trust they know how special they all made it for us!

We were extremely thankful that **Iain escaped serious injury** when his car somersaulted off the wet road on a curve. This was his first ever accident and the car was a total write off. How thrilling to see God protecting hand on Him, as he crawled, practically unscathed, from the wreck.

David was also able to speak at a number of **Church Services and Bible studies**, where we were given the opportunity to share the burden of the work. Meeting up with prayer supporters is always a joy!!! Bad weather caused a number of meetings to be cancelled, but we did have time to reschedule.

Now back in N. Ireland the meetings have begun. **Stephen Brownlee** loaned us a car for this time at home, which we are truly grateful for the use of. David needed a lift to pick up the car and it turned out that the young man who picked him up is married to a girl David had the joy of praying for some years ago at her mother's request. Lovely to see them walking with the Lord and raising their young family to know Him too.

This month, vehicles will be repaired and MOT'd, trailer packed with goods we can carry back, planning will be done for the next teams and how we go about finding what is needed to make the camp ready. Among other things, we are looking for electric industrial kitchen equipment, so if you know where we can source something, or want to come work with a team or even to know what is still needed, please contact either Martin Bell or Norman McCready 07882120325. Thank you!

If possible, it would be lovely to see you at any of the meetings we have locally in this next few weeks, terminating on 15th March with the 50th anniversary meeting of when David found Christ as Savior.

JANUARY

Jan 29th Mourneview Assembly, Lurgan – 8pm

FEBRUARY

Sat 2nd Moira Mens Meeting – 9am

Sun 3rd Ballyrobert Mission Hall – 8pm

Tues 5th Fermanagh C.F. – 8pm



Washington D.C. with family



Iain's Car

Wed 6th Committee Meeting – 7.30
 Sun10th DCF – 7pm
 Tues 12th Coagh Bap – 7-30 pm
 Wed 13th Silverbirch [Ladies] – 8pm
 Sun 17th Abbottscross Congregational – 11.30am
 Sun 17th Derrycrew – 7:30 pm
 Mon18th Romania Children lunch – 12-30pm/also on
 Mon 18th Lisburn Congregational – 8pm
 Tues 19th Bethany Free Presbyterian [Men's meeting] – 8 pm
 Sun 24th Mount Zion – 11am
 Tues 26th Ballywillwill Gospel Hall – 8pm

MARCH

Wed 6th Aughrim Gospel Hall – 8pm
 Sun10th Derryhubbert Mission Hall – 3-30pm
 March15th Dungannon 50th reunion [AD69]

David's brother **Ian**, who had major heart surgery this time last year, would like to personally thank each one who prayed him through that rough time and let you know he has recovered very well and grateful for your prayers.

Thanking you all once again for another year of prayer and support, and looking forward to further fellowship in the Gospel in 2019.

Yours, because of Him,

David & Wilma

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