



Mark & Heather

Dear Friends, Family and Prayer Partners,

Firstly, let us thank you for your ongoing interest, support and prayers as we look back on a fascinating few months. The Mission Marquee is down and in storage now, but the work continues with SCF meeting in West street, Stewartstown. Discipleship course is on Wednesday nights, early morning prayer on Friday at 7 am and two services on Sundays at 11am and 6pm. Stephen Bartley continues with the ministry, and David has had the privilege of helping this gifted brother. Marc & Heather Taylor, who were also part of our 'Tent Team' have started a ministry called Hope to Families, reaching out with love, support and the Gospel to families facing hopeless situations, health challenges, horrendous options and harsh realities. They have seen the miraculous happen over and over, as they show that the Only Way to heal a broken heart - is to give God all the pieces. Please pray for them!

We have filled the intervening weeks by taking meetings on both sides of the border and doing visitation of mission contacts and others needing or requesting prayer. People, battling health conditions, asked for prayer and God granted healing to some and peace and contentment to others. Please pray for Colin and Deborah as they go through cancer therapy at this time.

David was invited to preach with Marc down in Monaghan and after a powerful drive-in service 2 ladies trusted the Lord and a number of others were prayed for. It was at the F.M. camp, supervised by Elsie Moynan. A few days later, David met a lady by a roadside, who said she was from Monaghan and asked her if she knew Elsie Moynan. She answered, 'I was saved in her camp grounds!' Gillian wants to be a full-time missionary. Please pray!

We are so thankful that, in a most surprising way, a hideously evil plan of the enemy of souls was exposed, and serious harm to any individuals was averted. It is surely true that when God opens the Windows of Heaven [as He did], satan opens the windows of Hell. However, God did answer prayer and seldom has it been made so apparent, that He is totally Sovereign and fully in control! Several have been saved and on the final Sunday before we left for Greece, 3 people committed their lives to Christ! Already a number of requests have come in for missions to be conducted in different areas, and we plan to be available for some of them, between visits to Greece.

In our last letter, we mentioned Wilma's sister Catherine, and sadly, she passed away a few months ago. The funeral was in Fort William Baptist Church, conducted by Jonathan and David, with music provided by the Tink family. We were comforted to have family come from Skye and other parts of Scotland to join us, and folks from the church were very willing to help out where needed. Thank you so much to the many who sent cards and text messages to us at this time. Other dear prayer partners have gone home to Glory recently like George Haffey, Graham Boyd, Rev Wesley Loane and Catherine Norris. While in Greece one of our dearest friends, George Kantartzis's wife, Ermioni, went home to be with the Lord. David was able to see her a couple of days before her passing and we were privileged to attend the funeral. Please pray for George as they were together over 60 years. Our circle of praying people is getting smaller, but the number in Heaven is growing every day.

Suddenly, when looking at the changes in restrictions, it became clear that the way was opening up again for us to go to Greece and so we looked immediately for flights at the earliest convenience [as France was still not allowing us to transit through]. We were delighted to be getting the opportunity to be there, but on the day of booking, notification came through that the USA would open up before Thanksgiving for foreign visitors again. This was amazing news and although it meant we could only be in Greece for a shorter time, it does allow us to reunite with the family for the first Christmas in 3 years.

Flying over Greece on the way in to Athens, we could see huge swathes of ground, blackened by the recent fires. Surprisingly, apart from Covid, one of the most recent challenges had been heavy rainfall [possibly an answer to prayer], which was so heavy that flooding occurred in many places and even in Thessaloniki, a bus fell into a sinkhole as the road opened up before it. Thankfully no one was seriously injured. Thankfully, we had amazing warm weather the whole time we were there, which helped immensely with the visitation etc. We found the house and camp to be in pretty good order, although somewhat overgrown, as Thanasis who usually takes care of it, was sick with Covid. He did recover before we left and has once again got the place in good order.



Catherine



Calendar Crew



Evita with calendar



Evita with calendar



Joanna



Iwannis



Monk



Three young men

We picked up the calendars and the young folks from Katerini, came over to wrap them. We had a great day of fellowship with these lovely folks and it was great to renew fellowship. Dear Friends, Venci & Kristina from Gevgelija, joined us for a couple of days and they were also thankful for the young ones and to share fellowship with us all. On Sunday, David was preaching in Berea and Venci and Kristina were as delighted as we were to renew fellowship. Friends travelled some distance to be with us, and others 'turned up' not knowing that we were there, which was very special.

A number of refugees were present in the service and some even took part. There are many Afghanis and Africans in the camp now and some of these Africans are already believers, meaning there is a Christian presence in the camp all the time. Pastor Nikos recently had opportunity to be interviewed by a Newspaper Reporter, regarding the work with the refugees. Humbly, he played down his sacrificial service over recent years, i.e. taking covid patients and many others to hospital in his car at all hours of the day or night. Instead, he gave much of the credit to ourselves and World Help [Allyn's group in USA]. Not many would have done so!! He didn't even ask her which newspaper she was writing for!!

We visited the camp and found they had added further buildings & tents. Most of those we previously knew have managed to leave, but there are plenty more people filling their places. We were able to leave Arabic & Farsi calendars for them and also for other refugees in the Katerini area.

During the next days, two young folks [on separate occasions], who had been facing discouragement and disillusionment, returned to the Lord and asked Him for help in their daily lives and in the decisions they must make in the future. Their joy in the Lord was restored!

The visitation with the Greek calendars [approx. 500] is something not to be easily forgotten:

- There were many opportunities to pray with people. We were delighted to see folks again, but not quite prepared for their joy at getting the calendar and meeting again. One lady cried, 'My friend, at last!' and called all the other staff to come and get their calendars!
- Another lady, Joanna, who had asked us to pray for her dying father last November, was thrilled to see David and told him that her dad had lived for a further 9 months and they were delighted for every extra day they had, remembering David's prayer.
- Pray for the local Orthodox Priest, who has softened over the years, maybe because he now has serious cancer, but he took a calendar and a gospel booklet gladly.
- David went to visit Iwannis, who has cancer of the spine and had trusted the Lord last November. Sometimes he was crying in pain and feeling really down. His brother is going to accompany him to Australia soon and his sister is undertaking to look after him there. David prayed for him and recommended different portions of the Bible for him to read to encourage his soul. The Orthodox church have a place people go to for 'cures' and someone took him there, where he was given icons of 2 saints and told to pray continually to them and he would be healed. Needless to say it hasn't worked!
- On our way out of Katerini, we once again drove up Olympos to see our friend Christodoulos, a monk, who lives up in the Dionisios Monastery. He was delighted with the calendar and asked to arrange a longer discussion appointment when we come back.
- While we were in the Monastery, we had an incredible time with 3 young men, Sterios, Panayiotis and Gabriel, who were really interested. They live over 200 kms away, but want to meet again when we go back, having taken a calendar and a very good booklet.
- Little Filipos had another seizure [1st in 2 months], so we anointed him with oil and prayed for him. He is growing up so strong - contrary to the Drs prediction. God is still working miracles.

Finally, we were done with the calendars and packed up ready to leave. As we were headed to a small guesthouse near the airport, we couldn't find the address in the dark and the streets had no name plates. Eventually, motorbike police came along and David stopped them. After finding the place with their phones, they gave us a blue light escort, surprising the landlady, who thought we must be VIP guests. She gratefully took our last copy of the calendar.



Asa William Lyttle

Family news:

Jon Marc & Ashley have a little boy, **Asa William**, born without complications on October 1st, so we look forward to seeing him when we get over.

Lydia, Jonathan & Elizabeth's daughter, is working with South West Youth Ministries [SWYM] from Plymouth. She has settled in well and is thoroughly enjoying it.

What's next:

It is not easy to make any definite plans in these covid-complicated days, but when we come home, we will go directly into our deputation program, and to that end we will be in N. Ireland till March 14th and then visiting Scotland & England on our way to Greece. So far the bookings are as follows:

Feb 8th – Bethany FP Portadown, Men's Fellowship

Feb 13th – Derrykeevan Mission Hall, 5.30pm

Feb 13th – Derrycrew Mission Hall, 7.30pm

Feb 23rd – Bethany FP, Portadown, 8pm

Mar 13th – Bottear Mission Hall

Dates for Scotland and England will be taken as they can be arranged.

Our **address** over this Christmas period will be c/o Allyn,
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We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed start to the New Year.

Yours for the Kingdom and His Glory,

David & Wilma

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