



Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

As we once again put pen to paper, we have just returned from almost 10 weeks with our family in the USA. After not being able to go for 3 years, it was a great time of reunion.

Some of our events were not quite what we planned, as covid hit first Bryan's family, although only one person got sick and then Iain's family were quarantined over Christmas, but again only one family member got sick. What a strange virus this is, with so many variants. However, we managed with the help of zoom, to enjoy time together and were thankful it wasn't any worse.

We had the opportunity of visiting and speaking in some churches, bible study groups and even two school classes where some of our grandkids attend. It was, of course a blessing to share the work with those interested in learning more about it, and sharing prayer needs with them. Travelling around, was made so much easier because **we were loaned a car** from Thomas Road Baptist Church. This was a huge blessing, as we were able to bring some folks to their hospital and Dr appointments as well as visit friends and prayer partners. Some who continue serving the Lord in their home areas and churches, others are suffering the effects of aging bodies and still others are nearing their time for Heavenly Promotion. One such special saint, **Marilyn**, who with her husband was a missionary in Mexico for over 30 years, before returning to Baptist ministry in the USA. She has battled most of her life with dreadful joint pain, resulting in multiple surgical changes of joints, has been such a help and example to many throughout her life. The churches they started down in Mexico continue to flourish and grow, praise the Lord! She will be so deserving of her heavenly rest and reward! How thankful we are for those who have prayed us through all kinds of joys and trials for so many years!! We need more prayer warriors to fill the gap!!

Since leaving Greece in November, we have been hearing of very positive answers to some of the prayers and concerns we had for contacts there, and we thank you for praying for them. Pastor Nikos and his team continue to support the refugees in the **Berea area**, particularly regarding medical and Spiritual needs, as necessary.

I believe we mentioned before that the container we sent out to Lesbos filled with supplies, is now being used successfully to house two families. Our second container that was sent to Northern Greece, is going to be converted into **a shower facility and toilet block** for a recent upsurge of Afghani refugees in the **Katerini area**. This opportunity will be overseen by Pastor Ilias and his wife Effie, who have been given the land to set the container on. As you understand we want to get this project off the ground as soon as possible.

The times we were together as family were precious and we thoroughly enjoyed making memories, getting to know children that we had never met in the flesh before and watching the others grow up!! Imagine, we now have two granddaughters who are driving!! We were able to see one child take her first steps, another enter the adoptive phase of his life, watch 4 girls take acting parts in the Virginia Christmas Spectacular, listen to them playing in School concerts, hear of many school progress reports and sporting events which the kids take part in, as well as enjoy their many hugs and expressions of love. Such a blessing!!

Jon Marc's wife, Ashley, had surgery for removal of the tumor which grew alongside Asa, who is now 4 months old. She came through surgery well, but needs time to rest and regain her strength, which is not easy with 9 children, but Jon Marc took some time off work and we trust for her full recovery. We lived in their new basement apartment and were able to help out a little when needed. Yes, you read right, they now have 9 kids! Imagine the excitement when they heard that there was a request for them to take another, not yet born child, from mid-February. This caused some times of prayer and deep thinking, but it soon became obvious that their hearts were already open to this new addition. However, no sooner had the decision been made, than news came that the child was born almost 6 weeks premature on David's birthday Jan 2nd. So with already 3 children under 18 months, they added **Baby Bee** to the family!!

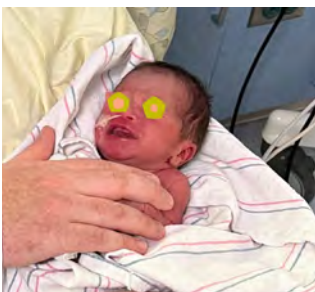
She is progressing wonderfully and perfectly content in that active family of 11, some of whom are still in the foster system, but we trust will be fully adopted in the coming months. Most of these little ones come from dreadfully challenging backgrounds and have been given the possibility of a New Life with a New Name, a New Hope and new future. Isn't this so like what the Lord Jesus did for us, when He met us in our sin and darkness to redeem us,



**Pastor Nikos
helping a refugee**



**Refugees learning
to make clothes**



**New addition:
Baby Bee**

adopt us into His Family and give us New Hope of Heaven and Eternal Life with Him? We ask you to pray, not only for these children and the ones Bryan has adopted, but for the families they came from, that God would reach into their situations and rescue them. Already one mother has professed faith in Jesus, through the witness she has seen They firmly believe this is the ministry they should be involved in at this period in their lives, and we are delighted with our **20 grandchildren!**



Although we did not get covid, we did get a few nasty bugs, which were going around the school children especially, but thankfully they 'too came to pass!

One more highlight from our trip was that the boys gifted us a **cruise to Mexico and Belize**. Allyn drove the whole way down to Tampa, Florida and back and accompanied us, making the whole trip totally delightful. We left winter and were greeted with wonderfully warm weather for 6 days, feasted on plenty of culinary delights, learnt about ancient Mayan civilizations and had some wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel with other passengers, as well as staff, some from Croatia and Serbia. Each experience, helped make an incredible trip for us, revitalizing us for the next period.

Recently, **Allyn** was underway with World Help in Honduras. There, World Help, assists many people, by sponsoring children and seeing them educated to escape from poverty, by getting a good job, provide emergency aid for displaced families, provide clean water for so many who otherwise get sick from waterborne diseases, as well as helping spiritually and putting God's Word into the hands of persecuted Christians.

Little Nellie, a great niece, who lives in Australia, has had to have major surgery to relieve some of her serious, long term health problems. We ask prayer for her recovery, and that it will be successful. Please continue to remember Wayne and Lucy as they care for all her needs. Thank you for your keeping these requests in prayer! We deeply appreciate it and know God does answer prayer in mighty ways!

Arriving home, we had a very turbulent journey. Probably the most ever, some people were sick, the toilets had to remain closed for long stretches of the journey and no hot drinks could be served. However, the plane was only half full so there were plenty empty seats, meaning we could rest better, in spite of the weather. Even coming into Dublin, we rocked from side to side with the high winds and it was a relief to actually get landed. The pilots did an amazing job in difficult circumstances. Fortunately all our connections went well and we arrived home tired but safe.

Now, we have begun a number of **meetings in Northern Ireland** and already we have seen God's Blessing following the sharing of God's Word! One special answer to prayer has been that **Joe**, a friend for many years, finally committed his life to Christ. More recently, he has been battling cancer, but now knows the peace that only God can give to see him through. Another friend, **George**, who David prayed for has had an marvelous return to health, after having been prescribed the wrong medication for his illness.

Covid continues to sweep the ranks of our friends, family and prayer partners, but thankfully, this latest wave doesn't seem to have such a devastating effect as its predecessors.

We have the MOT for the big van on February 25th, which is the first time in 2 years because of the covid backlog. Stephen has once again loaned us his Hyundai Jeep and this is a huge blessing for us, allowing us to travel in comfort to various meetings.

There are still some places available between now and March 13th, so please let us know soon, should you have a spot for us. We have had only one request from friends in **England** for a meeting this spring, so we have taken the decision that if there are no more meetings in England soon after this prayer letter goes out, we will return immediately to Greece. Although we would love to see you all, especially since we had to cancel 2020, but many churches are still not meeting regularly or are struggling to get people back in, and we fully understand that. It would also be advantageous for us to return sooner to Greece as a) The way to travel through by road is open at this time and we wouldn't like it to close again, b) Brexit ruling may mean we have to leave Greece every 90 days for the foreseeable future and this in one of the best times to get teams to come out before the weather gets too hot, c) we could be somewhere else for the summer and back on time for Autumn and again have teams out to help and d) our people on the ground, who have worked fantastically in our absence could really use some help! We hope you understand and unless anything unforeseen changes things, or the Lord redirects our paths, we do plan to do **Scottish/English deputation in 2023**.

Your servants for His Kingdom,

David & Wilma

Calendar until March 13th 2022:

February

- Thurs 17th: Mizpah Committee Meeting - 8pm
Sun 20th: Ballyrobert Mission Hall - 8pm
Wed 23rd: Bethany Free Pres, Portadown - 8pm
Sun 27th: Belfast DCF - 11 am
Monday 28th: Lisburn Congregational Ladies Meeting - 8pm

March

- Sun 6th: Bethesda Fellowship, 11am
Sun 6th: Hope2Families, Coleraine - 3pm
Sun 13th: Stewartstown Fellowship - 11:30am
Sun 13th: Bottear Mission Hall - 7pm

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