



Dear Praying people, family & friends,

During these past months, we have become increasingly aware of our own inadequacies and inability to change things, people or events, in our own power. But in doing so, thankfully, we have realized more and more, just how unchanging, totally loving and absolutely dependable is our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. This has given us an ever increasing burden to get the Gospel message out to those who are trying to live this life without Him, who don't know the Power of the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide, encourage and carry them through each day. We are also becoming more convinced and aware, of the fact, that nothing is achieved spiritually, except as a result of believing prayer.

Therefore we continue to be eternally grateful to each and everyone of you who pray for the work, for us and for our family. We appreciate you praying through these prayer letters, contacting us for prayer points, coming to services, to learn more about the work when we are on our rounds and supporting us in any other way you do.

You have all heard the words 'prioritize, prioritize, prioritize' and over the past months, we have gotten used to hearing something like, 'Hi, nice to see you, How is **Bryan**?' Let us say a gigantic 'thank you' for the believing prayer, days of fasting and generally supporting our son on his journey. He is so grateful for each one of the 1,000's who have walked through this with him in any way. In June, he had his final live tumor surgically removed and the consultant surgeon was amazed to find no secondaries in the entire area, so much so that he did not have anywhere to put the chemo implants, he was planning to use. Now, he did say that these tumors would return, but that he would deal with them depending on their rate of growth, which they will keep an eye on by frequent checkups, some of which are due to take place in August. This is a very definite answer to these many prayers for him!

Later, when he went back to his local hospital to have his port cleaned, as he did regularly, they decided that due to the facts, that it had moved 3cm down, was even more uncomfortable and showed signs of inflammation, it should be removed immediately. Because he had no other driver with him, they removed it without anaesthetic, causing him much unnecessary pain for a few days, but even with that, he is relieved to be able to move and sleep better. Should it need to be reinserted, his new hospital will take care of that for him! He had planned to come to Greece in June with the eldest children, but that was postponed till August, due to his upcoming surgery.

Meantime, our son **Iain and family**, had planned a trip to **Israel** and invited us to join them for a week, as it is just one quick hop from here. After a long period of hectic non-stop activity, we decided this was possible, so we went. It was wonderful to meet up with Iain and family, especially as they kept our arrival a surprise from the children!! But imagine, they had another great surprise in store for us, as **Bryan** was able to work out joining us for 5 days. He also wanted to see Israel and it was a fantastic experience for us all to do it together. How awesome!!! We visited places we had not seen before, as Iain had researched and found some more hidden gems. We spent time with 2 missionary friends of Iain's in Bethlehem as well as Jamal, his old dorm mate in uni.

Totally unplanned, we met up with **Phil Dunn**, Iain's best man, and on another day board members and friends of Allyn's group **World Help**, recognized the hats we were wearing, had photos taken with us and told us how much they appreciated Allyn.

We had heard that it was no longer allowed to converse with people about Jesus, but these rumors were not true!! Day & night, with tourists, citizens, soldiers, Jews, and Arabs, we had amazing opportunities of sharing the Gospel by word, tract or even New Testament. 'The fields are white unto harvest' David also had the special thrill of **baptizing Aydin** [Iain & Tanja's 3rd daughter] in the River Jordan.

Other than the fact that, 1] a Pride Parade held up the entire city for hours one day, 2] our rental vehicle broke down permanently and had to be replaced, 3] airport electronic scanners temporarily did the same, we had a truly incredible trip, and once again 'twas such a privilege to walk the same streets as Jesus & the disciples and gain fresh insight into the Biblical prophets and events.

Arriving back in Greece, we hit the ground running again, until we stopped!!! Our 21 year old Skoda needed a **clutch & gear box**. We had to use the camper for a few days and when taking it to the repair shop in Thessaloniki for a leaking roof, a torrential downpour overflowed the drainage system and the entire area was swamped in 50 cm deep dirty flood water. It was awful, but yet, that afternoon, the staff still repaired our camper roof.

On that day, another missionary friend of ours was caught in the same flood and managed to escape through the window of his car, before it was swept off the road, into a river, under a bridge and out towards the sea, never to be seen again!! Who says missionary life is boring?

David was taken for a drive, by a friend, who unknown to us is suffering from Alzheimer. Mild nervousness turned into a prayer-vigil, as we flashed through red lights at close to 70 mph in the city, amid blaring horns, drove the wrong way up one-way streets and, generally narrowly missed many accidents. Truly a white-knuckle adventure!!

At the same time, we were able to pick up some **New Testaments** for the Berean outreaches. The work among the **Jewish**



Israel with Family



Iain with Jamal



Meeting some World Help Team Members



Baptizing Aydin



Dora



Pastor Nikos + Refugees



Ukrainian Refugees



Wilma with Eritrean Refugee



Tent Mission in N. Ireland

visitors continues and **Pastor Nikos** is greatly loved by all. Recently he was awarded a plaque as a 'Friend of Israel', which we have been informed is on display in the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem, in recognition of his services to the Jews visiting Berea.

His daughter **Dora** is making huge progress and is even learning Hebrew to be able to recite portions of the Bible to the Hebrew visitors and they love listening to her speak the Psalms, etc. We believe she is being targeted by the evil one, as when on the way to work, she glanced in her mirror and tried to take evasive action as a truck with a sleeping driver, bore down on and eventually crushed her little car from behind. She was slightly injured because the engine [in the back], was pushed forward and her leg trapped, she had other cuts and bruises from the airbag, but it could have been so much worse. Her car had to be written off. She now goes to work by bus, and even though it is time consuming and means she sometimes is late for church, she is a bit afraid of driving again at the moment. Please continue to remember her in Prayer.

Work among the **refugees** has been progressing well. The extreme heat we are all experiencing these weeks is much worse for those who are living in either tents, warehouses or containers. We do have one of the better camps in Berea as some of the buildings are older army barracks and therefore strong buildings which are cooler inside than out. But many others don't have that! We continue to provide medical care for so many who otherwise wouldn't get it and most of them are extremely grateful. We have had the opportunity to present the Gospel to a multi-national group of refugees including Ukrainians, where during the weekly Gospel meeting, they are given food and supplies to help them.

Some of the recent arrivals are from **Eritrea**, having been months on the way to reach us. Some of them are believers and it has been great to have them join us in the fellowship regularly!! We have been able to provide them with Bibles, and it is a joy to watch them walk into camp proudly holding the Scriptures, openly for all to see. One lady who was having problems with vision has been diagnosed as having a brain tumor. We have gotten her glasses which are helping while it is decided how to deal with this need.

Surprisingly, we were invited to help Marc Taylor and Stephen Bartley hold a **Tent mission in Cookstown, N. Ireland**. We knew immediately, this was an invitation from the Lord and everything dove-tailed together to let us go from Tuesday 27th June to July 10th. Right from the start, we were conscious that each step needed to be ordered by the Lord and unless He was in full control, it would be a waste of time! What a blessed time we had! From getting on the plane and meeting **Sidney** from Brazil, who only spoke Portuguese and Italian, but was adept at using Google Translate, which enabled David to share testimony and Gospel for 2 hours. On parting, he told David, *'Only God could have arranged to put us together like that!'*

David **visited every day** around the doors, before and after the mission started. Then in the second week, it was all systems go for the meetings! Boy, did we stir up a 'satanic hornets nest'!

In the early hours of the first Sunday morning, when it was yet dark, 3 witches walked around the tent putting curses on it. They were as in a trance, totally oblivious to any attempts at communication. We came along, reclaimed the tent and ground by anointing in Jesus name, and sent these curses back to Hell where they belonged!

This mission was enabled in part by a man, who is himself not yet a believer, but was visited by Mark & Stephen after he had a recent stroke, where not much hope was given for his survival. He acknowledges that his recovery was due to prayer, as a prayer vigil was held throughout the community, and told Mark that if he wanted a mission there, he would get the permission and he did!! It was wonderful that he was able to attend the mission on a couple of occasions during the week and we believe God is dealing with him.

As this was a paramilitary area, we had gone with the desire to meet up with a number of people with this kind of background, whom we knew lived there. How amazingly, God worked out the details to make these visits happen. Many fanatical loyalists came under the sound of the Gospel and such was the power in the meetings, that people listening to the singing, testimonies and preaching from their homes, were broken down in tears and came to the Lord. Night by night, lives were transformed as people repented and turned their backs on sinful lives. One special friend, spoke to a man who had murdered one of her family members before his conversion and forgave him openly. The atmosphere was electric and miracles were literally the order of the day, as the Lord mightily did his work!

Personal visits were deeply blessed too and there was much brokenness and tears as lives opened up for God's saving and healing touch. Much of the drinking, drugs, etc in that area is an attempt to drown out the voices of guilt and shame so many have allowed to happen in their lives. How wonderful to see those bonds broken!!

Wilma and her band of ladies, were in charge of catering, and it was a real joy to have her sister Nora helping for a couple of days. We got close to Davy & Tracy Megaw, whose daughter **Gemma** has been battling cancer for 3 years now. It was a precious time to pray for her, and we would ask you to uphold the family at this time, as they go through this terrible ordeal.

Many said they had never been in meetings with such a sense of God's presence, but as always, there are those spoken to, who did not yet yield their lives to God, and they require urgent prayer to respond wisely, since while God is extremely patient, longsuffering and merciful, His 'Spirit will not always strive with man.' [Genesis 6:3]

One the return journey, David had an amazing talk with a man called **Philip**, who was fascinated by the gospel and its possibilities. We have been lifted from temperatures in the teens with rain, to those in the 40's and dry as kindling, with no rain in the foreseeable future! It takes a bit of getting used to. We have had greatly blessed church services, especially one where so many people were reduced to tears including David's translator! Many asked for or remained for prayer.

Visiting continues as does some of the camp work, but with these temperatures, it is very draining! Greek fires have caused many people to be evacuated from their homes and areas, big losses in agriculture and equipment, and many tourist attractions to be closed, due to a) the possibility of the heat getting to the people and them passing out and b) the possibility of fires being started either accidentally or intentionally

The **hotel in our locality**, where especially people from German speaking countries come for respite, water therapies, mud baths to help joint pains, skin conditions etc., is owned by some friends we have had dealings with in the past. Because of the fact that we can speak German, this has been good opportunity to provide literature for them to read, to invite them to our dual language services and to generally talk to them about their spiritual needs. David is like the Hotel Chaplain as he goes and chats with people and finds many in desperate need of someone to talk to about Spiritual things.

Now, in these latter years of our lives, we are thankful that God is continuing to bless and use us in ways we never expected. There is plenty of work for those who are willing to do it. Pray on folks, there is '*much land still to be possessed!*' [Joshua 13:1]

Thank you also for continued prayers for **Allyn** and his work with World Help. He is so often travelling, sometimes to difficult destinations and we appreciate your prayers for his safety and success in helping those who need it most.

We expect **a team to come and help** out in September from the 13-23rd and look forward to having them. This will probably be the last team necessary before we ask for the **Greek permits** for the property. Please pray for that process, that it will go smoothly and allow us to begin using the camp in 2024 for the purpose it is being built. We are so very thankful for every person who has given of their time, their expertise, their finances or helped in any other way to make this camp a possibility for the youth to be disciplined for the Lord Jesus

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