



Colin

Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

Travelling back in the last week of April was particularly easy this time. Both sea crossings went well, with calm seas and comfort, despite some of the negative weather forecasts.

On our very first day back, while we expected to prepare for the team coming in two weeks, we got a call for David to go the hospital in Thessaloniki to visit **Colin** [a Scottish Christian, who had married one of our friends **Angeliki** from Katerini. They had lived for almost 10 years in Aberdeen, but had recently moved back to Greece. Since arriving back Colin had just not been well and it was eventually discovered that he had cancer and was critically ill. David prayed with them and at that time met another lady [E] whose father was dying and she was very grateful for prayer for them. That weekend, we had visitors from Gevgelija, NMK, and it was great to see them after so long and to enjoy their company and fellowship!

When Colin went home to Glory, David was asked to preach at the funeral. Angeliki was so brave and the Lord helped amazingly during the service. Between the church and graveside services, a total stranger, who had never been in the church before, walked up and said to David, *'I want the same kind of faith you have!'* He explained that when his mother had died last year, 8 family members had been killed in a car accident on the way to the funeral, and he was in despair. Some man called Nikos, that no one from the church seems to know, told him he had to come to this service and he would get help. They spent 40 mins going through the Scriptures [after explaining why we didn't pray to Mary or have icons around the church, then Yiannis, David's Translator led **Apostolos** to Christ. He has been at every church service when the doors are open since he got saved.

**Jamie**, an as yet unsaved brother of Colin, commented later that it was wonderful to know on the day his brother was buried, another soul was born again. It turned a very sad day into a triumphant one.

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**A Greek lady ["K"]**, who lived many years in Germany and was saved there later in life, before returning to Greece, asked David to Baptize her by immersion in the sea. This service had to be done completely in German, so David was very thankful for the Lord's undertaking!!

On Mother's day here in Greece, we had a very special day with our friends from the Berean church. After the service, David had a great time of sharing with **Ben and his wife** from Israel, who were so glad to meet people who actually cared for them. He said this was the highlight of his holiday!

Later, another Jewish couple, **Abraham & Ellie**, also took a New Testament home with them.

For your amusement: As sometimes happens, David lost his phone!! After searching for hours, he prayed about it. The next day, our neighbor [who didn't know we lost it] found it in a field. The dog led him to where he had brought it in his mouth the day before. His teeth marks are still in the leather case, but the phone is undamaged. That phone has been through so much, but prayer works!!

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The **teams arrived on May 15** and did an amazing amount of work. The multi-purpose room is transformed, with an illuminated cross above a full size platform, lectern and very practical kitchen. Dozens of jobs were completed, including covering the sports area in netting to stop the balls going astray, wall supports, pillar supports, painting, electrics, beds assembled, trees from next field cut away from fence and brush removed.

We are so grateful for those volunteers, who have come time and time again, and especially those who have been with us since the start, like Martin & Sharon. Through Martin & Sharon's son David, a business man from England, John, who works with Sound systems flew out for 24 hours to assess what we need. He gave great advice and is now looking for what we need at affordable prices. We are very grateful for these links in the chain.

One of the lads lost his passport and had to stay on for a day or two to cancel it and make new arrangement to get home. Eventually, it was found in a store, and although he still had to get a new one, the store owners are looking forward to getting Calendars this Christmas. *'All things work together for good,'* Romans 8:28.



"K"



Platform & Lectern



Sports Area



**Christina & Dr. Kostas**

Several times over the years, we have mentioned our friend **Christina**, and later **Dr Kostas**. On June 8th, David had the joy of preaching at their open-air wedding. It was a joyous occasion and the main wish of Bride & Groom was that the Gospel would be clearly explained for the family and friends who are as yet unsaved and most have never really heard the Gospel. It was a joyous occasion and we trust they will have many happy years as they serve the Lord together.

Since the wedding, Christina has told us that family and friends have been asking them questions about the Gospel, giving them opportunities to share their faith, which is a very real answer to prayer for them.

**Visits to the Hotel** continue to be profitable, great opportunities to witness and pray for people who request it. One visit reunited David with friends we had met the previous year and who had attended the Evangelical church in the village when David was preaching. As soon as they met, one lady recited the verse he preached on and then started telling him the points of his last years sermon. Amazing!! Unfortunately, they had a previously arranged program and couldn't come to the service.

On a visit to **Bitola, NMK**, we had a lovely day of fellowship with the believers there, but were saddened to hear that Ivanna, one of the folks there, had just lost her friend Martina in a car accident while returning from Holiday in Greece. Before she left to go to Greece, Ivanna had shared with her hungry heart for 3 hours telling her about Jesus and explaining the Gospel.

We have also lost some dear friends this quarter. **Tom Meador**, who was a missionary to Greece, lived next door, returned home to USA in 2004, due to his wife's health issues, passed away on July 2nd, after falling from a scaffolding at his home. A converted drug user/pusher, God did an amazing work in their lives. He practically gave away his house because it had been bought with drug money and came to serve here. It was on a visit to him that we found this house. He was involved with printing a newspaper with our friend George and then also produced his own entitled Evangelio Fos [Gospel Light] paper which he continued to send all over the world to Greek speaking people, even after returning to the United States. He also printed many tracts for distribution and in earlier years was preaching at services in various Eastern European Countries. He is survived by Cheryl, Matthew & Trish and their families.

**Ann Brown**, from Drumchapel United Free Church was the mission secretary for many years, so since she passed into Glory a few weeks ago, we already miss her, as she kept in touch, asked for prayer points and really supported not just our work, but many missionaries. These people leave gaps in our lives, but we are so thankful to have known them and to be sure we will see them again one day!

The weather here has been excessively hot for the past couple of months. Most days the temperatures are way over 40 degrees centigrade and it really doesn't cool at night. Hard for so many people! For us, we try to work in the mornings and evenings, [but there are many mosquitoes by then] and do inside work in the afternoons, where it is still very hot but at least shady. Still, we are managing to do many of the clearing up and other small jobs that have still to be done in the camp. David has had quite a few preaching engagements this summer and recently when he preached in Sevasti [our village], he was asked if he would be willing to go to Athens and preach in 2 different churches! [500kms away from here.]

We have told you recently that our 22 year old Skoda was coming to the end of its usefulness for us and we have been looking around for a replacement. We have found a **2018 Peugeot 308 estate**, which is diesel, should be much more comfortable and we hope reliable for the long journeys we drive. Thank you for praying for the provision of this latest addition.

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On August 3rd & 4th the **Sevasti church had its 100 year celebrations**, with many people from all over who have roots in this village gathering to celebrate. The Saturday meeting was held outside in the grounds as there were far too many people to fit inside the church. It went very well, with many unsaved attending.

This week, we delivered two pallets of supplies to the **Refugee Care centre** in Thessaloniki. They were very thankful, as not so many people are sending supplies to them and they have still many refugees with needs!!

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After completing his 3 months of DNA produced chemo, on July 26th, **Bryan** underwent extensive surgery, which did not go as well as expected. After a rough 8 days in hospital, he got home on a fluid diet, which he will slowly increase to semi-solids, with hopefully an improvement in digestion after his clips are removed. He will go on some kind of maintenance chemo, probably by the time you get this letter, and we are hoping he can become part of a clinical research trial for his type of cancer. He sends this message to you all, *'I have felt God's hand of blessing through the treatment and healing and I am thankful for all the prayers. They make*



**2018 Peugeot**



**Sevasti Church**



**Refugee Care Center**

*a massive difference each day'. We are even more reliant on your prayers and the Lord's miraculous healing touch than ever before.*

Thank you for upholding him in these days!!

**Allyn** was voted one of Lynchburg's Top 20 under 40, by The Lynchburg Business Magazine. This is quite a prestigious award and we are glad people notice the dedicated work that he is so willing to do and the many people he has been a help to, both inside and outside his workplace. Prior to leaving on his latest trip to Asia, he went with Bryan down to the hospital and stayed with him for the first five days after surgery. This was a huge help to us and a comfort to Bryan too. **Iain** took over after Allyn left, and stayed till he was able to bring Bryan home. We are so very grateful for how our boys and their families, pull together to help each other through life!!

Your Servants for Christ and the Gospel,

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