

MIZPAH OUTREACH

Prayer Letter #100
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Dear Praying Friends,

As well as celebrating God's faithfulness to us over so many years and your faithfulness in prayer and support, we want to give you an update on the happenings of the past three months since the last letter.

Traveling Mercies

Our time in **Ireland** was very busy. We took more meetings than were initially booked, but it was great to have fellowship with so many. Various repairs were done to the camper and trailer and the camper passed its annual inspection. We collected supplies to fill the trailer and were very thankful to those who collected the necessary goods for us to bring back. Thankfully, we were able to visit David's mum 2-3 times a week and spend some time with her and as you can see she is looking much better. She has made friends there at Hockley Mews and seems to be quite well occupied and settled. Brevity of time however, meant we did not do many personal visits, so special thanks to those who made the effort to come to a meeting where we were speaking. .

In **Scotland** we visited with family, took a few meetings and again appreciate the effort made by those who collected medical supplies for us. Enroute to Greece we had a number of meetings in **England**, where again we appreciated folks traveling to see us where we had no time to visit. We were thankful not only for God's presence in the services but also on the road.

- In Bridgnorth – David felt he wanted to realign the towbar with the trailer. At the workshop it was discovered that the **entire towbar was loose** even though the bolts had been checked a few hours previously. With a fully laden trailer this could have been a disaster!

- Noticing one of the tyres seemed low, one mechanic decided to put some air in. While examining another tyre, he suddenly jumped back saying there was a problem, just in time as without warning the tyre **exploded** sending bits of rubber everywhere. His expressions of relief were extremely colourful and certainly not evangelical!

- Later, we had to drive to Devon to have an **axle airbag repaired** and we are glad Graham was willing to put all his other work on hold and start our van early in the morning, leaving us enough time to reach the boat. We had a very good opportunity of witnessing to **Graham** while he worked, left him with something to think about, literature to read and we made the boat in good time with a new airbag and the load much better supported! It seems our guardian angels are still at work! Thanks for praying!

Arriving back in Greece, David was asked to take the weekly service at the **Residential Home** which was a pleasure after such a long break and the elderly were overjoyed to see him. We had only a few days to prepare for the tour group arriving from N. Ireland, and visiting our home in the middle of the tour, followed closely by the team coming to plaster the main room, who were arriving over a holiday weekend.

Touching Moments

We were so glad to get to know the folks who took the tour of the '**Footsteps of St Paul.**' Right from the start we had a total sense of unity, in spite of the fact that we had people from very different backgrounds, young, middle-aged, elderly, excitable, quiet, hurting, joyful and all with one common denominator – Jesus! **Thomas Jennings from MET** and **David** took responsibility for the Bible Teaching sessions and (although no one wanted to listen to David the first night after the long journey), God spoke clearly and directly to all our hearts throughout the week. **Michael Hewitt**, who is the MET rep for Greece, was a tremendous help with the journey over and as a second driver. We appreciated the fact that he took a week off work to do this.

During the trip, among other things we had fellowship with Greek believers who were very hospitable to our group, were joined by a couple from Holland for part of the trip,



David & Wilma with
David's mum.



One of the many ancient
sites along the tour.

walked in the places Paul walked, appreciated the wonder of God's creation, devoured a Roast Lamb on Easter Tuesday, had opportunity to witness to people wherever we went, gave the folks a glimpse into the Lord's work here and made some lasting friendships. The list is endless and some of the memories indelible:

- **Marina**, a hotel manageress, asked if the group could pray publicly for her family and she wept openly as we did.
- We enjoyed a meal with a couple who were still grieving over the death of their son.
- Shared the Scriptures at **Philippi** where Paul started the first European church.
- Met a vibrant young believer, **Galini**, in Berea, who took us to visit the local church and told the group that although told by doctors she would never carry a child has after 10 years of marriage finally conceived and gives all the glory to God.
- Reading God's word and singing at the ruins of the earliest Christian church at **Cenchrea** (close to Corinth) where Phoebe served the church (Romans 16:1), and from where Paul wrote the epistle to the Romans and took his Nazarite vow. (Acts 18:18)
- Staring out over the immense city of **Athens**, as lost today as when the apostle Paul stood with breaking heart and told them of the unknown god – whom they still need to know!!

The plan is to do it all again next year in the will of the Lord. The prospective dates are **May 22-31st 2010**, which is later and a little longer, because we already have Easter ministry commitments, but also the weather should be more settled and we can organize a more leisurely pace. Further information will be available in future letters.

Toiling Masters

The plastering team arrived in the middle of the night and consisted of **Martin, Trevor** and **Norman** who have all been before and **Stephen** who came for the first time, although he has been to other countries helping missionaries in the past. Amidst all the banter and fun, they completed all the plastering in the main room, meaning it can be tiled and eventually painted ready for use, plastered one of the downstairs rooms and some of the hallway, broke through the wall to the main part of the house and placed a door there, moved the security door to the outside of the property and put door frames in place where they were needed. Because this time of year presents the best possibilities for traveling and visiting fellowships this has to be our priority for now and we are so thankful for the work done so far. We do have one man coming out to work and David will assist him for the last two weeks of May, bringing us another bit closer to having the room finished. We have already received a very welcome **delivery of 40 chairs** given from a fellowship in Holland along with other equipment for use when we get the Gospel meetings going.

After the team left, we had opportunity to talk with and help our neighbours while clearing up and getting back into routine (if we ever have such a thing),. Wilma has finally caught up on most of the letters and emails that were long overdue. David had a **series of Bible studies** to prepare and take for Mike in Thessalonica and two weeks into it we discovered on arrival the hall had been broken into and much of their equipment had been stolen. However, the Dutch folks who brought us the chairs, also provided them with a replacement computer for their worship.

Thrilling Meetings

It is time now to get back to visiting FYROM or the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia for those of you who are still not used to this name after 6 yrs. It was delightful to visit with the believers in **Gevgelija** recently when David had the joy of preaching for them. It was such a pleasure to be back among them again and they were equally excited at the ministry he shared.

This past week we had a visit to the assembly in **Bitola**, and we valued your continued prayer especially as we travelled. There remains a terrible amount of poverty and heartache among the believers and a lot of hard work for the missionaries there to be involved with. **Ethan & Jan** announced to the assembly that they were expecting the arrival of a baby in January and everyone was excited about that. **Olive Wilson**, works not



Martin, Trevor, Norman, & Stephen getting the supplies necessary to accomplish their work on the house.



Robert, on the right, with two Bitola church leaders.

only with the young people in the assembly, but with another young folks group nearby. **Robert**, pictured here on the right, was a young student of economics, who came on Saturday night with many questions, returning on Sunday morning with many more. Pray that this young man, who is certainly seeking answers, will want heart experience and not just head knowledge.

Perhaps because of the very depressed and discouraged state of the people, they were extremely appreciative of the ministry that David passed on from the Lord to them, and have asked that he return as soon as possible. David is also responsible this month to continue his weekly Bible study in Thessaloniki and to take the **Young Peoples Group** for the Evangelical church here in Katerini. There is no shortage of opportunities to minister to the saints and be witnesses to the unsaved.

Please remember to pray for:

- The many **deliveries** we have to make over the next few weeks.
- The **ministry messages** going forth to the various assemblies.
- **Outreach opportunities** throughout summer.
- **Fruit from the contacts** we had the privilege of sharing the gospel with, both in Greece and in FYROMacedonia.
- **Special:** While at home, we told you of **Alan & Whitney Brown** who among others had been sent back to the USA. Hallelujah, your prayers have been answered and this couple were allowed to return, with more openings than ever, especially among the **street women of Thessaloniki**. The city officials have acknowledged the amount of work they do in this area and we ask that you continue to pray for Whitney's health as she is still not well.

Bonded with you in his Service,
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