



Simon



Multi-purpose Room



September Team



Team Testimonials



Timothy

Dear Prayer Partners, Family & Friends,

We are writing this letter as we prepare to go the USA to spend time with family. In light of Bryan's most recent prognosis, we want to do what we can to help out at this time and make some wonderful memories with them all as usual. Thank you so much for your continued heartfelt prayers for us, the work, family and for Bryan in particular. We have been so touched at the many messages of encouragement and hope that you have sent to us. We are trusting God for a miracle in His Perfect Will in the next months.

We are excited to say that our camp is in an advanced state of readiness. Several Fellowship groups have already been using it and as Simon [foreman of the last team] said, *'It was thrilling to see that group of young men here with us and to know God is already working through what we have built!'*

The Multi-Purpose Room with kitchen and sound insulated stage is a joy to behold and has excited all those who have seen it so far. The September team of workers were simply amazing, as they worked so hard and achieved so much: Concreting, Painting, Building, Repairing, Electrics and even Rebuilding the back balcony roof of our House, which had been storm damaged. As David's list kept getting longer, their enthusiasm [after the initial shock wore off] was infectious - they all went the 2nd mile over and over!!

David also had the privilege of building a set of bunks from scratch for the missionary cabin as the ones we had for there were cumbersome and blocked the entire window.

During that time, one group of young men came from Bitola, NMK, for a weekend 'marriage seminar' and God challenged some of them very definitely regarding His expectations from husbands and fathers! The recent salvations of these young men from the Bitola fellowship is a big encouragement to the local believers. They have had several outreaches and God has been using their enthusiasm. They came and shared the weekend ministry, then did street evangelism, which was a blessing for us all. On the 2nd weekend, Christina was the interpreter for David, Gary and Eddie and the folks were delighted to hear their testimonies.

2 German friends came for a couple of days and were willing to shoulder some responsibilities, but were astounded when that included burying a neighbor's dog, offering a great Gospel Opportunity. Wilma, as usual, was working a minimum of 17-18 hours daily!!

In our absence, Kostas & Christina, will take care of all to do with the camp, including working on pushing for the official permits. We are so grateful to them for 'holding the keys' and looking after the bills which come.

Two brothers disappointed us after promising to:

1. The Engineer was to weld hand rails at stairways and steep drops in the camp and then after many weeks, saying, 'Sorry, too busy!!'
2. The Electrician was to wire the camp for 3 phase electric in the last week and simply did not come! Not much we could do, it tends to be the Greek way!

In the last letter, we mentioned **Angeliki's** Husband, Colin had passed away and recently her father, who had been ill for some time, died too. Angeliki and her mother are conscious of being upheld in prayer. Another dear friend, **Irene Mousidis**, from whom we bought part of the land for the camp, went home to Glory suddenly, leaving Tassos, in real need of definite prayer as he walks this road without her. One friend, Evi, informed us that she no longer considers walking with Jesus an important part of her life. That was definitely heartbreaking to hear, as she watches her biological clock ticking, she has forgotten there is a much more important deadline she has to meet.

**Hospital visits** have always been an important part of our ministry and we would ask you to pray for **Timothy**, Husband of Galini and dear praying friends, who was badly hurt after a fall from his racing bike, following a run in with some aggressive dogs. He had to spend several days in an artificial coma because of his injuries, had robotic surgery on his spine, spent a long time in ICU and is now in Rehab on the long road to recovery.

The **German-Speaking Hotel** gives David lots of opportunities to witness. One returning guest, a lovely otherwise-abled friend laughingly said, *'David, is there any topic you can discuss without bringing Jesus into it!'* We are still not sure there is!!! We had previously met months ago, and had arranged to meet twice more during their time in Greece.

One time when a neighbor asked for a visit, David took an elderly Christian friend Vaso to translate as she speaks German. As we began to converse about Jesus, another man joined in and two more ladies, who wanted to know why we were all speaking German. The result: Every family heard the Gospel, took a great Gospel booklet and when David was on his way home, one of the ladies was reading the booklet aloud to the other one, who thinks she is an atheist. David has visited a few times since and been well received by other members of the family as well.

**Our new-to-us car** is a dream to drive, automatic and with 8 forward gears, it has acted before David even starts to think!! [Only joking]. We have driven over 2000 kms since getting it, and the measure of comfort is wonderful after our 22-year-old trusty Skoda, which has been given to a friend to sell. Wilma does complain that she didn't get a cup holder on her side! David has promised to remedy this on our return. Anything for a peaceful life!!!!

**The JCB [Jessie]**, continues to run well and the mayor of Savasti [our village] is pleased David continues to level our gravel roadway!!! We would prefer tar, as we are on a hill and every time it rains the street is washed into the valley! This was a very hot summer, probably the most consistently hot for years as we had over 40 degrees centigrade from mid-June until early September. One friend actually told us that on the Forecast it said, Athens was 24 degrees, but that was certainly not right!!!

Opportunities for sharing with **Jewish visitors** continue to happen at regular intervals. One special event was when a top political figure from Jerusalem came to the city asking for Pastor Nikos as he had heard so many positive things about him and what he does for Jewish visitors. He took a New Testament home gladly. We were able to provide several hundred New Testaments in many languages for this work to continue.

The **needs among the refugees** continue unabated and while there were many from African nations in previous months in the camps, we are once again dealing with Afghani, and other Middle East refugees because of the recent upsurge in hostilities over there. The camps in Berea and Alexandria are at full capacity at this time. Many are delighted to accept New Testaments alongside their transport, medical treatments, clothing etc. David had the joy recently of speaking on the telephone with a young lady who was in the camp last year and is now happily married to a pastor. She kept thanking us over and over for helping her when she was in Greece. We will continue to provide the needy with wheelchairs, buggies, cots, clothing and finance their medical needs where possible.

On the last visit we made to Berea, we had visitors going to see the Synagogue who turned out to be an **Evangelical church from Singapore**, following the Footsteps of St Paul. They were so thrilled to meet an evangelical church group and although our service was finished, they were invited in to bring Greetings, which they did and told us it was the highlight of their trip. The pastor showed us photos of his 1000 person church in Singapore, they prayed for the fellowship, for ourselves and Bryan, before asking David to pray for them and especially for 2 young people who wanted to be missionaries.



We left Greece with joyful hearts, having experienced real blessing in each area of ministry, knowing that the 500+ contacts in homes, shops, businesses, factories and churches in Greece have been reached again with the **Gospel calendars for 2025**. Both groups from whom we get calendars sent them to us a little earlier than usual, to allow us to get them given out before leaving. Through personal visits and Gospel calendars, plus many Gospel booklets, hundreds of people were reached during this period. Efigenia, Giannis daughter from Berea, helped David deliver the calendars in her area. Several new contacts were added for the first time and multiplied hundreds of calendars and booklets were also delivered for distribution in North Macedonia.

It was such a privilege and we heard some great comments from those who received them gladly.

1. Chris said, 'We will remain friends for life'
2. Rou said, 'I will read it every day' [1st time]



Jewish Visitors



Refugee Supplies



Evangelicals from Singapore



Calendar Distribution





Mani

3. Jo promised to come to church on our return
4. Mani whom David met on her bike [as we hadn't her new details] was delighted to renew contact and we now have her phone number.

**On the funny side**, this paragraph is for those who made remarks about David's memory and misplacing his car etc. He believes there is a vast improvement!!! i.e. [1] The fact that he left Wilma's computer in a Swiss Motorway Service Station Rest room on the way home, was only an excuse for immediately getting exercise by sprinting and jumping over the turnstyle, [which is slightly illegal], to the horror of a Swiss onlooker. His astonishment gave way to delight when he realized it was to recover the computer. Conclusion: Swiss Bathrooms are as safe as British banks!!

[2] David didn't notice we were out of diesel on a French motorway, where the emergency parking spots are so many miles apart. The camper gave a cough, slowed down and stopped exactly in a rare parking place, just like a snooker ball in a table pocket! We had extra fuel on board and were soon on our way again! [Then the Angels changed shifts]

One of the most exciting pieces of news that we heard from home in the past months was that our friend **Stephen Kerr**, who has been servicing our trailers for years, recently trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. Both we and the family circle were thrilled at that news and trust you will pray for his walk in the Christian life!

**Shayna & Catalina** [our eldest granddaughters] are both in University now, and we are very pleased with their progress, although it does make us feel really quite old!!! Again, many thanks for your continued outpourings of love, prayer and support over these past months. Please join us as we 'expect the miracle' in the near future!!

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