



Dear Praying People,

We have a major praise as we begin this letter today. Our visa has finally been granted, and we are free to travel outside the USA. However, there are a few details we still need to arrange before leaving, like David's driving license, which lapsed some time ago, but wasn't possible to renew during the waiting period. We have made tentative plans to be in N. Ireland by the 22nd April and return to Greece, as soon as we get our vehicles tested and road-ready.

We are very grateful for your continued prayers and interest during this whole time. Soon after you receive this letter, we will have celebrated all the special annual holidays without our beloved Bryan. It was not always easy, but with our immediate family pulling together, we were able to enjoy them and make many good memories. We have definitely felt the benefit of your faithful prayers for us all.

Jackson, our grandson, who lived with us for almost 8 months, eventually decided he did not want to join the army, and indeed seemed to lose purpose after this decision. At this moment, he is in a place to help him with his issues and hopefully by the time he turns 18 in May, he will have had the professional help he needs. Please pray for him that he will finally give his life to the Lord and allow Him to be his guide.

When our visa didn't arrive by Christmas time, and we knew we couldn't go to Greece, dear friends stepped in to visit the hundreds of personal contacts who usually get calendars with daily readings. It turned out, as always, the Lord had it all under control and His own perfect plan for that to happen. Days of work followed to draw plans and explain where all these contacts lived. Many streets don't have names or house numbers, which makes things difficult enough. Because the distance we cover, is over 120 miles diameter, we had to break it into smaller areas and have many people distribute them.

But it was worth it all, as they came back excitedly, with news of the favourable responses they had received. The contacts showed **Gratitude** that they hadn't been forgotten by us, **Grief** for us on the loss of Bryan, Kostas [pictured] even sent us a direct email. They sent **Greetings** because we have been gone so long, and finally **Goodwill** and longing for our return asap. Up till now, we have had difficulty getting some Greek Evangelicals to approach and offer a calendar to one Orthodox soul, yet most of our contacts are Orthodox and take them gladly. We were thrilled that the contacts had received their calendars, but even more excited that the believers have seen the value of delivering them firsthand. This could be the Lord's way of making sure the calendars get delivered after we finally leave Greece, as the sense of accomplishment and desire to do it again has taken root in many of our helpers. Romans 8:28 has once again proved true.

We are so thankful to have been financially and prayerfully able to keep the Greek work afloat during these long months, including the refugee work, which requires constant physical and spiritual input from our volunteers. Due to the recent fighting in Iran, we expect another influx of people needing aid.

Christina from Greece called to inform us of the sudden death from a triple aneurysm of one of our close friends, Nena. This was hard news as we did not know where she stood spiritually, although we had witnessed to her over the 30 years, since the days of Leptokaria camps. The last time David saw her, she made a short video for us to play to Bryan, as she had known him from camp days. What a joy to hear a few days later that she committed her life to Jesus, 2 days before she died, when she had no idea how close she was to eternity!



Giannis & Marina



Kostas



Nena



Ray & Sue Avery

Several of our friends and prayer partners have passed away during our time here and it would be impossible to name them all, but we are thankful for having known them and the part they each played in our lives and ministry. One such friend was **Ray Avery** from the English CCCF, whom we first met when he helped with our vehicle mechanics at a CCCF Spring Bank Holiday, and whose whole family became great, helpful, praying friends over many years. We send Sue and all the family our deepest condolences.

Olive Greenaway, a Faith Mission pilgrim, who served many years in Scotland, during which time she was instrumental in leading Wilma to the Lord Jesus. We will always be thankful for those who spent their lives leading souls to Christ, and know they will receive their reward! In the past couple of months, Wilma's brother-in-law, **Davy**, lost his brother Dougie, and David's brother-in-law, **Kenny**, lost his sister Lorna. Even more recently, David's brother-in-law, **Moussa**, has lost extended family members, as a result of the fighting in Lebanon. We have been praying for these family circles, as well as other friends who grieve at this time.

We have been visiting a number of local fellowships in the area, sometimes to preach or report on Mission work. Returning home one evening, we met a lady with a 16-year-old daughter in tears. Turned out her cat had been killed, so David lifted it and buried it for them. The mother was amazed at how we had met: 1 minute earlier or later, and it wouldn't have happened! It led to 30 mins simply sharing God's love and His timing.

One day at the local YMCA, a man named Brian approached David and asked if he was Bryan Lyttle's dad. Recognizing David's accent, he had heard about Bryan's passing and knew we had come here to look after his affairs. He shared how Bryan had been his dorm leader in University, and how he had mentored him and been a great leader. Jim, overhearing the conversation, interrupted Brian, explaining that he had lost a daughter and was inconsolable, feeling his heart had been wrenched from his chest. David shared how, yes, we felt and understood that pain, but that having a supportive **Family**, close praying **Friends**, and above all, a loving heavenly **Father** who carried us through this difficult time, made it possible for us. How thankful we are that the Lord allows us these opportunities of sharing with those from the Community of Brokenness!

Another day, A Muslim lady in a supermarket, who had worked with Bryan, told us he was a great boss and encouraged us not to grieve, as Bryan was in a better place! This was especially surprising given her religious beliefs.

We did have very unusual weather for several weeks. We got about 5" of icy snow, which lay for a long time, becoming harder each day and making travel very difficult. Even then, we didn't have it anywhere near as bad as many other areas of the country.

Ashley, our daughter-in-law, had a close shave while driving on a long trip, when 2 wheel bolts sheared off and 3 others loosened on one tyre. Fortunately, she recognized it, and was able to have it sorted, averting a near disaster.

On Mondays, we volunteer at Allyn's workplace, World Help, packing and preparing aid for containers to needy places. It's nice to meet new volunteers and staff, and fun to work with them.

Also, we are taking part in an Outreach from Iain's church [TRBC], trying to reach all 29,000 homes in the city of Lynchburg with the Gospel and a Bible. The primary idea is not to swell the numbers at any particular church, but that everyone in the city has the opportunity to read the Bible and to know that Jesus loves them. It will also hopefully: 1] Train the huge team of volunteers, many of whom have never evangelised before. 2] Encourage unchurched people to come to church for



Local YMCA



**Thomas Road
Baptist Church
Outreach**

Easter services. 3] Encourage other churches with an upsurge of new arrivals. TRBC is celebrating 70 years of service this year, thanks largely to much prayer, and an initial visitation program. We want to encourage those we meet at the doors, by presenting them with the Gospel and inviting them to get involved with a local Bible-believing and practising New Testament church. So far we have had great responses on the visits, saw gratitude for the Bibles, had the privilege of praying for people's needs, and a number have trusted the Lord.

David would value prayer as he meets regularly with a man who professes Christ, but is desperately needing direction in his life! Also, for the Driving Test, which he has to take in the near future.

We are indeed looking forward to being back on the field again, although we can clearly see why the Lord has had us here for 'such a time as this.' It has been amazing to be 'normal' grandparents for a while, as we spend time with our kids and grandkids. Please pray that we will prioritise the most important things and people as we prepare to leave, and for safe travels to our destination.

Wishing you all God's Richest blessing and sending lots of love,

Your servants for Our Savior,

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