



Tent Mission

Dear Prayer Partners, Family & Friends,

It's time again to put pen to paper, giving an update on the past few months. Again, we really appreciate your continued prayer, encouragement and support of the work here in Greece and North Macedonia in so many ways!

Let's begin by relating some of the special memories of the SCF Tent Mission in Stewartstown in June. The visitation program went really well, with dozens of people opening their homes and hearts to those of us involved. We had the opportunity to share the Gospel and pray in so many settings. Two adults committed their lives to Christ at their own homes, both with differing health concerns. What a joy to see progress, comfort, assurance and peace as the weeks have gone by. At one doorstep, a man stated that he simply did not want to believe. David unexpectedly found a Gospel Tract in his bag about someone with the same surname. The man was so surprised, he promised to read every word!

The week before the meetings actually started was fraught with problems, difficulties and sadness! We knew we were in a battle! We attended 3 funerals, one after the other, of people who have prayed for us for years, or whose family were very close to us as friends. The tent had to be built at a different site than planned [meaning all the signs and publications had the wrong address]. But God was still in control and soon it was all in working order.

We send sincere sympathies especially to **Florence & Alfie Willis**, who lost their son **Alan**, just days after Florence's sister **Kathleen** passed away. and ask that you remember his wife and 6 children in prayer. While visiting in Cookstown, it was a privilege to find **Billy**, who trusted the Lord in the previous mission, still trusting and believing, despite dreadful health problems. We were also heartbroken to find he had lost his son to cancer since our last meeting. Like ourselves - part of the Community of the Broken, but healing!!

Unsaved people were coming along to the tent night by night, and of course, David was thrilled to see most of his family attend, some multiple times. **Nora, Davy & Neil** from Wilma's family came over from Scotland to help with catering and there was an amazing sense of God's Presence in every service. Many were spoken to by God's Holy Spirit, and we know of a lady who was saved, while another went home determined to sort out her life with Jesus Christ. Others are still counting the cost and we trust the Lord to continue to draw them to Himself. Some folks, who had promised to come and never turned up, really need prayer. Please pray for Janine, T, D, J & M.

We were also deeply grateful to our dear friend, Audrey who gave us the use of her beautiful home for the entire time. While travelling home, we lost Wilma's Jacket, but what a blessing to find it again in the lost property office at Belfast Central Station. Even the smallest detail! [Philippians 4:19]

On the return flight to Greece, we met missionary friends, Danielle and Leonard, who have a ministry to those with sight difficulties. We experienced heavy turbulence causing many to be terrified and upset. This gave David a great opportunity to witness to **Andre** from Ukraine, who wondered how one could be so calm and assured in such a situation.

Arriving back, we found out that our friend **Dimitris**, who had installed our solar panels and tanks had died suddenly. Over the years, he had sent various people with questions or needs to us for counseling. Having met and heard the testimonies of the changed lives many of our workmen experienced, he was sure they would get help from us. Unfortunately, he had told us a year before that he would fix our solar tank on our return, but that wasn't to be. However, we did get it done by another firm. Another man, **Zenofon**, who had made light of his spiritual condition on a previous visit from David, despite being a regular church attender, also passed away in these weeks we were gone.



Baptisms



Wildfires in Greece



Lisa Ross



**Bethany & Dawn
Graduation**

We hit the ground running, [well as fast as elderly people can], thankful for the health to be able to do this work. Five times we visited North Macedonia and were really blessed each visit. We made friends with an **Atheistic Customs Officer**, with whom we had a long talk and who asked David to pray for him. On a later visit he recognized David [the Irishman] and accepted a 24 -page Gospel booklet,

David was preaching every Sunday, and at other times when necessary. This aspect of the ministry continues to be blessed and it was wonderful recently to be part of the service in **Berea**, where 2 young people were baptized. The church was packed and along with the refugees, a family of 5 came from Germany. Years ago, they were Syrian refugees and became friends! We spent the whole day together including celebrating two birthdays!!

At another service in **Thessaloniki**, a US missionary who had recently retired from Bulgaria, had brought some of his home church on a missions trip and when he heard we were there, decided to bring them to meet us. We were from 10-12 different countries and God's Presence was felt throughout!! A few weeks ago, in this church, a 2/3 year old child, who had never yet walked, was prayed for. Before they even finished praying the child started walking. The **Celebration** was mind blowing, but soon turned to **Consternation** when the child was suddenly missing. Everyone began to search frantically for him, but **Cheerfulness** returned when a teenager found him, at a major intersection in the city. Our God is a God, who can heal and keep!

On the practical side, we got the inside painting done concerning the damp in our house during the long time of closure. We have now the grounds in much better order, covers up on our solar panels, makeshift covers for our van and car to protect from the direct sun, and other small jobs in the camp attended to.

It has been lovely to renew contact with dozens of our friends across this part of Greece as well as meeting new people. The depth of their love and concern for us has been heart-warming and very touching. How grateful we are for the body of believers.

The Camp has been in use twice. Once for people who were close to burn out and just needed a break, and once for a group of young North Macedonian men, who have been heavily involved in Evangelism and wanted a 5-day Discipleship course. We did enjoy those times, although it does make for a lot of extra work, especially in heat that is often in the mid 40's. You think you have a heatwave, but this is normal summer weather here!!

In these days of really high temperatures, we daily watch rescue helicopters constantly passing over our home, heading for Mt Olympos, with their huge containers of sea water ready to douse out the fires. Every time we smell smoke outside, we have to check the origin, because of how easily it begins and how quickly it spreads. Two weeks ago, two of these machines collided, killing 2 people, reinforcing the need to pray for those who daily lay their lives on the line for our safety.

The other awful event which has horrified people globally is the cold-blooded murder in Athens of a 38-year-old Scottish Missionary, **Lisa Ross**, who was found stuffed into a suitcase, after being strangled. One Afghani man has been charged with manslaughter and robbery. Many versions of the story are circulating, but the vagueness of the details is really quite disturbing. This case will not be solved quickly, due in part to the fact that Greeks have their holidays in August and the courts are closed for much of this month. Please pray for her family and that God will somehow turn this terrible event into something positive for His Kingdom. Romans 8:28. Only He can!

We are still deeply aware of God's protecting Hand on us, as just last week, David and an 10' scaffolding came tumbling down, but thankfully, he escaped with only a few bruises!! Please keep praying for us!!

The others in our family have also had a blessed summer. Both lovely Christian girls, **Bethany**, Elizabeth & Jonathan's eldest, and **Dawn**, David's sister Audrey & Henry's granddaughter, graduated from university and already are working further in their careers. It's that season for us, where some of our grandkids are reaching adulthood and we continue to pray for them, as they navigate these important decisions in life.

Ashley, Jon Marc's wife has recently opened her own counseling office and we know the Lord will use her to help many people. **Iain** is busy with the upcoming events of the church, not forgetting, Beast Feast which is on September 26th this year, but needs weeks of preparation beforehand.

Allyn is off to Venezuela and Japan in the next weeks, so lots of travelling for him. Please keep him in prayer.

By the time this letter gets to you, we will have arrived in the United States and will be with family there until November, when we will be back in Greece for Christmas calendar outreach.

We do have some meetings booked already [mostly for Sundays] in January 2027 in Northern Ireland and hope to see many of you during that time. Martin & Sharon or ourselves will give you a slot if we are available at your meeting time.

We still plan to visit our Scottish & English churches in May 27.

January Meeting Schedule: (Northern Ireland)

- 3rd - Derryhubbert Mission Hall - 3.30 pm
- 8th - Silverbirch Seniors Service - 2.30 pm
- 10th - Ballyrobert Mission Hall - 8 pm
- 11th - Ballynahinch Ladies Meeting - 7 pm
- 12th - Ballywillwill Gospel Hall - 8 pm
- 13th - Scrabo Hall - 8 pm
- 17th - Boyne Valley Baptist Church - 11 am
- 17th - Tansy Mission Hall - 8.15 pm
- 24th - Derrykeevan Mission Hall - 5.30 pm
- 24th - Derrycrew Mission Hall - 7 pm
- 31st - Stewartstown Christian Fellowship - 11.30 am
- 31st - Boteer Mission Hall - 7 pm

Yours, because of Him,

David & Wilma

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