

# A company of God's people Praying for Kos

September 2007.

## Dear Friends

**First we must give thanks** for a further month that our dear Lord has kept us and looked after us. We have had the joys of having a full house from time to time, with wonderful Christian Fellowship, and also disappointments, especially one who we were praying that the Lord would bring to the Island for the future days, found it was not possible to come, and yet with the wonderful highs of being able to share the gospel with many that are strangers. As we write these notes both Olga and ourselves are preparing leave for weddings. Olga to the Greek main, then travel to USA to see her daughter, by the time you read this our Daughter Michelle will have remarried.

**Church work** – We thank the Lord again this month that each week we have never been on our own, and although numbers have sometimes been small, we are always encouraged by the numbers that fill in the response forms to receive the prayer letter by email or post. **The OAM Magazine 'Master and Multitudes'** continues to be received.

We continue to meet with the staff at the hotel and are becoming known around the place, we have at meal time's very encouraging talks with the **owner Constantine** who regularly invites us to eat with him. (For free) Only last week we had a very good conversation about the difference between Orthodoxy and Evangelical.

**Tracting.** – Large numbers of tracts have again been given out this month, with over **1,500 Postcard from Kos** being received in all three languages. Many contacts have been made Glyn and Olga continue to give out large numbers in the car parks, many are not hostile and have said that they will read in the future, and it is a delight to see people in their cars reading the tracts.

**Mission Board work** – We continue to erect the board two and sometimes three times a week, with generally good responses, some quiet days, but some very encouraging days. We have met many **Christians from many Nations**, sadly most have not known of the church services. On Thursday morning, **two German Christians, a Swiss Christian, a Dutch Christian, a Christian from Scotland and one from Nuneaton.** Just meeting God's people can be so uplifting.

We continue to have **cruise ships visiting Kos from Cyprus**, this results in a number of **Greek tracts, Greek Ultimate Questions and Greek Letter for you being received.**

**So far this month, Letter for You, 3 Czech, 2 Hebrew, 1 French.**

**Ultimate Questions, Italy, Greece, Turkey and German.**

**Sure of Heaven, 3 Dutch, 1 Italian, 2 English.**

**Unique Jesus CD, 1 Czech, 1 English.**

Had a good conversation with a couple that sat on the seat beside the board, **Phil from Godalming** listened, as we used life's situation to bring home to he and his wife, the need of Jesus, he left with a Sure of Heaven.

**A lovely couple from Kidderminster** again listened as we spoke about the things of eternity; I asked the gentleman if he had heard of Richard Baxter, Yes, there is a statue on our town by-pass. I explained to him how thousands from Kidderminster were saved from Hell by his preaching.

**A lovely young Italian lady** that spoke good English told me that she lived 200 meters from **St Peter's Square** and had seen the Pope on many, many occasions. I explained to her that only Jesus could save, she took a **Sure of Heaven CD**.

Friendship with the Greek passer bys seems to get stronger, Angelo gave me a kiss and a hug today, and I seem to have definitely become the local tourist bureau.

**Beaches** – We continue to visit, mainly **Paradise Beach and Kardamina**. Whilst, we have given away many tracts and some good literature, we feel that coming to know the sun-bed owners has been very profitable this year. **Vivi and Alexander** from Kardamina, greet us now with warm smiles, and ongoing conversation on spiritual things usually follows.

**Only last week**, I came into conversation with a man called **Dave who with his wife Sue** have just moved to Greece, had a really good conversation he kept a John's Gospel, a Unique Jesus CD + PFK. Interesting on Saturday last, I was sitting at **Stephos Sponge stand talking, when Dave came by with his wife**. Stephos told Dave (Stephos knows that Dave has just moved to the island) you need to speak this man as he knows God.

Our conversations with Stephos continue to be encouraging and ever deeper.

Whilst watching the football on Saturday afternoon, I came in contact with a hotel worker **Yunis from Northern Greece**, resulting in a real deep conversation as to the difference between evangelical Christianity and Greek Orthodox, Yunis walked over to my car, and took an Ultimate Questions and a Letter for you in Greek, together with a Unique Jesus CD.



**Ministry/Preaching** – I continue to preach through Genesis, most comments have been positive, however, we are fairly convinced that not all that attend the services are born again Christians, from some of the comments that are made. Faith and good works and

understanding the difference have always been a stumbling block. But each week, Alec has tried to challenge the listeners as to their standing before Christ on Judgment Day.

**Greek Newspapers** – The 9,000 that we had have now virtually been distributed, and although some have clearly been thrown away, with even comments of Heretic, yet, it is a joy when we see people sitting in their door ways reading the papers, knowing that God's spirit can do great things that man's word cannot do.

A further 4,500 are due to be delivered about the time you receive this prayer letter, this paper will cover the last three months of this year.

**Friendship Evangelism** – This continues at varying speeds, we have mentioned the hotels, and the beaches and also the waterfront. Many of the Greeks have warmed to Olga's presence here, just in the few months that she has been with us, many are showing a love for her, as continually we are asked where is Olga. Again this week, Stephos has invited all of us over to Kalymos in early November when the season has finished, and his wife Poppy said that she will look after us for the day.

We have had to explain to **Hussain, Katarina and Maria** and others, as to where Olga is.

**Prison** – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September we visited the Prison again with a further 15 bible packs which were received. Sadly we seem to see different guards each time, so we are having to explain our reasons each time. However, we have had no hostility two Albanian bibles were included this month.

**Helpers** – This has been a big month as we had a **group of 14 South Africans** come to help us, it was a joy to have so many with us, especially for Olga as she sees herself as much a South African as a Greek. She was excited to be able to take over the kitchen and be able to feed them.

There were highs and lows, sadly some of the team were a little jet lagged when they arrived as they had a very testing schedule, having arrived from the US and South Africa over night by aircraft and by boat.

**We gave them opportunities to visit beaches from Kefalos, Paradise Beach, Mastihari, Tigaki, Kardamina,** Kos several conversations took place. Good literature was given away. On Sunday night they did a Mime Show right in the main square of Kos, which attracted some good crowds, however, one man who had Orthodox connections called the Police and tried to have us removed. Olga's Greek came in very handy as she explained to the Police surely enjoys freedom of speech. The Police agreed with this and told us our limitations were those under the age of 18. A good number of the bible packs were received as well as other literature. It was good to note that several of the Greeks said that they felt that the Orthodox Church had no right to stop any other views of Christianity being explained.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

1. **Greek Newspapers** that the Lord will continue to challenge those that read them. and as we start to distribute the next delivery of 4,500.
- 2 **Friendship** – Pray for the Greek contacts, Stephos and Poppy, for Jimmy, Katarina, Nick, Ahileas, George, Hassin, Poppy, Madeline, Vula, Alex and the local Christians, Joyce, Michaela, Jenny, Roger, Fliss, Dave. that we meet regularly, also the following that they may come to the Lord, Dino, Yvonne, Trevor, Tony, Kelvin.

- 3 **Tracting** – The new tract postcard from Kos will be greatly used, perhaps as a souvenir and that the holiday makers will take them home. Also that the book marks will be used by the Lord.
- 4 **Church work** – Pray for the church Sunday services above all that the Lord will save any of the unconverted that come along. Pray for Mr Samaris and the Hotel Staff including John the waiter, and the owner Constantin that the Lord will move in their lives.
- 5 **Mission Board work** – The many people that are spoken too, and especially this month A lovely couple from Kidderminster
- 6 **Beaches** – Generally for enthusiasm and boldness in this one to one work.
- 7 **Preaching/Ministry** – For freshness and God’s help and guidance.
- 8 **Helpers** – This month we have none, but that Lord may speak to some for next year.
- 9 **Olga** – That the Lord will continue to sustain her, a long way from her family and that all the contacts that she is having will bear fruit, and all the advice and understanding she has with the Greeks will bear fruit in the coming days.
- 10 **Prison** – That as we are due to go to the Prison in early October again, we will be received in a friendly manner.
- 11 **Future** – That the Lord will make clear the future questions that need answering. Once the summer season finishes in October.  
No.1 Do we continue to try to meet in Kos town somewhere, other than the hotel.  
No.2 Do we return to Kefalos and meet there.
- 12 **Were** to live, the constant travel to Kos is wearying and expensive, do we move next year????

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**Our continuing thanks to all those who are supporting us at this time.**

**God bless you all.**

**Alec, Glyn and Olga**