

5. **Beaches** – Please pray for the hundreds of tracts that are given out that the Lord will use them for His glory.
6. **Preaching/Ministry** – for special help for Alec as the temperature continues to rise each week, for strength in leading the services. For freshness and God's help and guidance.
7. **Helpers** – Give thanks for Mike as he is thrilled with the contact with Ahmed.
8. **Olga** – Give thanks for Olga and her wonderful ability to get along side people, that she will have a good time back in the UK, when she returns for the birth of a grand child, and that the Lord will bless her when she returns sometime in August.
9. **Future** – Travelling to Kos town is some 70 miles plus return journey, we are doing this four days a week minimum, the petrol prices continue to rise, we pray for guidance as to whether we should move to Kos town.
10. **This month** especially for Glyn as she returns to the UK and for Alec whilst he is on his own.

Thank you again for all your patience and diligence in uplifting us to the Lord in prayer, **many of you are brothers and sisters that we exchange prayer letters with that are serving the Lord around the world**, to you we stand shoulder to shoulder in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and you all know so well the joys and sorrows, of being on the front line, that sadly most in the pews of our churches do not have the faintest idea what we are talking about. **But two verses to leave you with**, the first is for now and the second is for the future, yet already written in the past.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Re 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

God bless

Alec, Glyn and Olga

A company of God's people Praying for Kos

July 2008

Dear Friends

First we must give thanks how nice it has been to have all the encouraging e-mails and telephone calls they always uplift the spirits. We were only talking to a couple who were involved in similar work to us saying he never knew what highs and lows were until he got involved full time with the Lord's work. It seems that one encouragement so quickly is overcome by a discouragement. Remembering the Lord how he arrived in Jerusalem to a triumphant welcome, five days later they crucified him.

Olga arrived back with us the first week of June, and already has been a great blessing to us, as she just fits into everything that we do as if she really is part of us.

Olga's daughter Maria is due to give birth in late July, and so Olga is expecting to be away from the Island for a few weeks around this time.

The Mayors office finally gave us the written reason as to why they would not allow the Mission Board to be erected in the Town Centre or Harbour front, it took them 8 weeks to provide the document. Simply they did not want religious material to be seen or handed out on what they called Municipal property, bit rich for a so called Christian country. At present, as we have not been detained for handing out literature on the water front, we will just continue to do this in the meantime, I have made a smaller display unit of literature a bit like a suitcase opening into two halves, and it will be interesting to see if this upsets somebody.

Your prayers will be appreciated for this.

Family News – This month has been difficult especially for Glyn as she has discovered that her only living relative, an Uncle, has been placed in a

Nursing Home in Cricklewood, he and his wife Violet are both in their mid nineties, Glyn can only manage to visit him occasionally as they live in South London, recent phone calls were not answered and the police had to be notified at which time we discovered that Violet's children had stepped in and placed them in a home. This has caused some distress to Glyn.

Glyn will be leaving here on the 2nd July for five weeks, as our daughter Michelle is due to give birth on the 3rd July and she hopes that she will be able to assist in some way for a few weeks. Before she returns, she is looking to attend Carey Family Conference with Jonathan.

Alec will go to the UK from the 14th July to the 19th July as he can stay no longer as there is no one to take the Sunday services.

Alec has requested special prayers as he will be on his own for some four weeks at the busiest time in the season.

Again we are sorry that the prayer letter seems rarely to get below four/five pages, but we seem to find it hard to condense things, if you would just like a list of the contacts or prayer points we could arrange this.

Church work – Numbers continue to be encouraging. However the last week of June proved to have the lowest attendance that we have ever had. We have had friends **from Holland, Germany, Switzerland**, and a lovely **Pastor Eero from Finland** who was a wonderful encouragement, especially when we met with a group of Dutch Christians on the water front; **he burst into singing Majesty so we all followed.**

The numbers from the **UK have been very much down this year.** **Tina and George** still come and we had a **Pakistani Moslem called Ahmed**, that **Mike** had met a week or so earlier. One week **an Indian Pastor with a German wife** came, they are now involved with a German Missionary Society, interestingly they came the same week that Ahmed was there. Also we had lovely fellowship with a **Swiss couple Bernadette & Jokim.**

Mission Board/Tracting work – Whilst giving out tracts the other day, the verse from **1Co 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.** It brought home to us just how true this verse is, giving out tracts is a foolish exercise after all few want or need them. Yet add the power of the Holy Spirit behind each piece of literature, and salvation is near.

This month has been extra busy having given out all the Greek newspapers;

that have been mentioned before, plus now we can add Ahmed to this list, and Glyn has met with Seva, and she has asked us to send an email to her sister Soula in Australia.

Prison– No news on this work.

Helpers – As we have mentioned above, Olga is back with us, however, as we send this email she is going to return to the UK for a short while. We have been very blessed to have Mike from Lancaster staying with us a man full of the Holy Spirit and a desire to share the love of the Lord Jesus Christ with people.

Scott from our home church is now due to come out to stay in July, which is a god send as there will be somebody in the house, for a week when Alec returns.

In August we should have a couple from Sheffield David and Anna, and an American family the Calhoun's are going to try and come. There is a possibility that an Indian Pastor Joel and in September Vivien from South Wales is hoping to come.

PRAYER POINTS

1. **Greek Newspapers** that the latest delivery of the newspapers will bear fruit to the glory of God.
2. **Friendship** – Pray for the Greek contacts, Stephos and family, Hassains family, Ahmed and his Pakistani friends, the water front group of elderly men, Tina and George, Seva, and the Kefalos group especially Jenny with her health problems.
3. **Tracting /Mission Board work** – That all the tracts, literature, CD's that have been given out will bear fruit, with special reference this month to the names listed above.
4. **Church work** – Pray for the church Sunday services, that any unconverted that may come along out of curiosity, that the Lord will cause His voice to be heard in their hearts. Continue to pray for all the hotel staff.

Beaches – continue to tract the car parks with OM tracts and PFK if we meet anyone at their cars. We continue to meet many from the nations of Europe.

Ministry/Preaching – Alec continues to find it very demanding leading virtually everything in the service for one and quarter hours plus, especially as the heat is building up. A couple of weeks ago we had an irritating couple that came in late, fussed around and then left early. There is a glass door on the TV room where we meet, one Sunday evening a man spent a while popping his head back and forth which Alec said was a bit off putting.

Whilst Alec was preaching one week he made some comments as to the deficiencies of Roman Catholicism only to find a Dutch couple that were Roman Catholics.

Another Sunday after Alec had preached challengingly an English couple met him at the door in what seemed a confronting mood and asked why we did not go to the Orthodox priest and ask to work with him, they had been to an Orthodox Communion Service and thought it was wonderful.

Greek Newspapers – We have now completed the delivery of all the newspapers that we have, our dear brother Tom from the US who is the editor as well as the printer, his dear wife is seriously ill, and at present he is unsure when he will be able to complete the next issue.

The following is an email from Tom.

Dear Bro. Alec,

We are home now from the hospital where I had been staying day and night. She's recovering slowly. Main problems now are breathing and anxiety. We have oxygen here at the house and the doctor ordered some meds for anxiety. Couldn't sleep last night but one hour, at times couldn't get her breath and battling with fears... I read Scripture by her bedside to comfort her. I trust she will get her strength and be fine.

I was working on the paper up until this heart attack. Actually, the English portion is finished but the Greek is about half done. Not sure when, but I will resume working on it as soon as possible, hopefully in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your prayers. We appreciate them very much! This in haste.

Bro Tom

Friendship Evangelism – This continues at a pace, we continue to visit many

we spent more time on the water front.

Mike that was with us for a week in June, met **Doreen a Roman Catholic lady** and had a long conversation with her and tried to reason with her from the bible, after a long talk she left with literature.

I noticed that Mike had been talking to a young man for a very long time, after a while he brought him over and introduced him to me, **Ahmed was from a Moslem background and Pakistani by birth**, however, was not a practicing Moslem, he took literature from Mike and two days later returned to speak to him this time he asked for a full bible, so the following Tuesday we took a bible with us for him, and Ahmed came to receive his bible. Mike had built a lovely repor with him; Ahmed has mentioned Mike a number of times since. Sadly Mike returned home on the Wednesday and was absolutely thrilled to hear that **Ahmed came to the Sunday** service and stayed to chat with us in the afternoon. Ahmed did not come the second Sunday, but has met with us since and apologised for not coming.

Olga has been hard at work since she joined us again, spending time on the water front an **Albanian man** she spoke to received a bible and an UQ, she has been speaking regularly to a group of elderly men that meet on the seat close by, she has given out much literature amongst this **four Turkish UQ, + LFU. Russian LFU, Slovenian UQ, and two Albanian LFU**

I have had so many conversations, I cannot think which has been the most important only the Lord knows. Dave from Newcastle was on his own, so we spent time talking about the reason we were in Kos, Dave was in his 60's and had no hope of heaven at all. So it was a good opportunity to share the gospel, he said he would listen to the **CD SOH** when he returned to the UK.

Keith was from Hull again on his own, when he told me this I asked him if he had ever been to the Hull Fair, he answered yes, so I said to him do you ever remember the stand where the Hull fair Preachers stand, his reply was yes, I bet they have a hard time, so I told him that before I came out for a few years I had been there. We had a good talk about spiritual things, he left with **a SOH. CD**

Nina and Bob came and sat on the bench beside the board, we got into a good conversation again which moved into the spiritual realm giving me a good opportunity to share the gospel after a long time of questions and answers they told me they lived in Hindhead, Surrey they seemed pleased to accept a **SOH CD.**

Peter & Karin came from Chester, this gave me the opportunity to ask if they had ever seen the preachers by the Clock Tower, they said it was a place where they had regularly heard people speaking so I showed them the OAM Booklet, and explained that I was part of the OA Mission here on Kos. A further opportunity to share Jesus, they accepted a copy of **SOH, CD**. They both said that they would listen to it when they returned to the UK.

Steve lives in Turkey and was on a visa renewal trip, he asked what the tracts were about, and this gave me the opportunity to challenge him as to his position before God. Steve said that he was scared of death; I told him that he need not be but this was only if he was right with God, he took a **UJ CD**, and he said that he would listen to it when he returned to Turkey.

Dana came and sat on the bench with her child, she was an Australian married to a Turk from Bodrum. She said she was now a Muslim although had little knowledge of Islam. Long conversation explaining the merits of both Islam & Christianity, she seemed to be searching for the truth, but as with many it came down to the simple facts, is Jesus truly God. Dana was pleasant and thanked me for my time and left with a promise that she would listen to the CD. QJ.

Shareland from South Africa has passed several times, this time we spoke it appears she is a Christian working on one the Diving boats, said she would love to come one Sunday night.

Elak & Engeta from Esberg in Denmark sat on the bench next to me, a good opportunity to share the gospel thought Good Works were enough, they accepted **SOH cd**.

I was very encouraged to speak with Chris & Esther they are serving the Lord in **Afghanistan**, they were coming from an OM conference in Istanbul. Having short hol's before returning. They were thrilled at meeting us so we had an impromptu prayer time on the water front. **"Praise the Lord"**.

Dutch couple came to the service asked for **UQ and LFU in Russian** for their evening waiter at the **Artimist Hotel**.

Good conversation with a couple from Crawley called George and Rose they accepted a **UJ CD**.

There is a Pakistani & Bangladeshi community here of about 100 getting to know some of them as they sell DVD's and some are employed leafleting, two especially I am getting to know **Kamal speaks good English** has taken to listen to **SOH + UJ cd**.

Sahakib has taken UJ cd.

Nicos a Greek from Athens spoke good English, angry about the world, said

he did not know what being saved meant. He took **4 Messages of Salvation**

I will just list other contacts by name or country and what literature they accepted.

Stoke on Trent couple SOH, Keith from Turkey took SOH, Collette from Berne, Switzerland SOH, Harriet and Core from Enschede SOH, Maria Blackpool SOH A lovely Greek from Crete took a SOH, Ramdon from Rotterdam took SOH.

Hungarian LFU and an UQ, + a happy couple LFU in the own language. Turkish family UQ + young man..

French LFU and UQ, Czech LFU x 3,

Polish lady took Missing Peace in Polish. Two Slovians took a UQ each Russian couple LFU. + another lady, Lady took UQ, + Chris long talk over many areas of Salvation 4 message S, Where is God, UQ

Greek crew from a cargo ship stopped, live on Simi he took UJ cd, Continuing to meet Safa a Turkish boat Captain.



Russian Lady reading Ultimate Question