

- 5 **Mission Board work** – The many people that are spoken too, and especially this month Vasiley from Russia, and Sperious from Thessalonica.
- 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.
- 9 **Olga** – Please continue to pray for Olga.
- 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 days, where to live, where to meet.

Thank you once again for praying that the Lord will bless and save those on the island of Kos, we are again giving details of our bank account for those who wish to help financially, our grateful thanks go to all those that have contributed in the past months.

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God bless you all.
Alec and Glyn

A company of God's people Praying for Kos

September 2008

Dear Friends,

First we must give thanks as we always start our letter, for without the Lord we really would be lost. August is always a bit of a mess as we break our routines a little, one it is very busy with the number of people around with helpers and with family in many ways this month has been quite difficult we can fully understand what was written of David in **2 Sam 24 v 24 No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing."** **The Christian life today seems an easy ride for most**, in fact, we remember listening to a preacher a few weeks ago, saying that most Christians (He was referring to Britain) **give God their spare time** and ask for them to give something for the Lord’s work and they have every excuse as to why not. Just sit in a church members meeting and see how many volunteers there are, or you get the statement, well Tuesday night I do this, of course, to preach ‘if He is not Lord, He is not Lord at all’ is actually just an old fashioned meaningless statement now.

Our cost has been that this year, every two or three weeks we seem to be saying **goodbye to someone in our family**, we arrive at the departure gate and it is tears, and we will see you in a few weeks or months. In fact only today we have returned from the airport a while ago, in tears having said goodbye to Jon our son and Jade our grand daughter. In fact to be honest we are fed up with it, but as David said something that cost me nothing is worth nothing, the Lord of heaven knows.

Generally this month there have been encouragements, and unusual events, literally several thousand pieces of literature have been given out and in what country of Europe they have ended up in, only the Lord of Glory knows, one niggling discouragement seems to be the unreliability

of people these days, as we read the prayer letter of another couple on the mission field, our hearts went out to them, when they said what grieved them **most was not being sure of other fellow Christians words.**

Mission Board work / Tracting. –

As you can see from the picture this is our new display board which so far does not seem to have upset the authorities. Owing to family visiting and the need of a break we have not been out quite so much in August. However, we have still met many people that for want of using up to much space we have just listed the literature taken.

A group of Russian boys came along whilst the rest walked on three remained, one **called Vasiley** seemed to have a good knowledge of the bible and he was the one that asked most of the questions, he seemed to know the difference between the OT and NT, and kind of understood that Jesus fulfilled the OT prophecy?? The conversation ended well as **Vasiley took SOH, also the other two took a UJ CD and a UQ in Russian.**

Spereous from Thessalonica who was on holiday stopped asked what the tract was about and then did as many Greeks do, ‘put their hand on their heart’ as he spoke good English, I was able to ask him what was in his heart, he had to admit his understanding of the bible was very weak and especially his understanding of Jesus was little or none. He seemed to be as many Greeks that they will all be saved because of their Greek nationality. **He accepted a UJ CD.**

Des from Barnet came into conversation, sadly he agreed with many of the aspects of Christianity, but I challenged him that his views on politics could solve our problems sadly was not the case, and that Christ is the answer to our every need. He thanked me for offering him a **SOH CD and he accepted it.**

Had a long talk to Alain from France, Roman Catholic background, his wife did not seem to be very interested, however, Alain listened well as I tried to explain that only saved people go to heaven, neither

Ahmed we see from time to time on the beach front and he has telephoned our home often so as we can meet. He told Alec that he is still reading his bible.

We are continuing to visit Stefos in Kardamina, last time he seemed to be a little upset that we had not visited him so much this year, perhaps this is a good thing.

Prison– No further news at present.

Helpers – We had the pleasure in mid **August to welcome Anna and David Gee from Sheffield,** two Australian vets who have a real burden for sharing the gospel. David regularly preaches in the open air in Sheffield, a man after our own hearts. As we said above, **David and Anna spent some time delivering newspapers,** and two days handing out tracts. We thank God for them, and we pray that God will have blessed them in their time here.

PRAYER POINTS

1. **Greek Newspapers** that the Lord will continue to challenge those as they read them in the coming months, as they are delivered.
2. **Friendship –** Pray for the Greek contacts, especially this month for Drosos, and Father Antony, together with Maria and Anastasia, for Seva , Louise and Ahmed. Plus those that were mentioned in earlier prayer letters including the group in Kefalos.
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 and hotel staff as listed previously.

The last Sunday of the month we only had two at the evening service, **Nicolas & Miriam were from Hungary**. When they were leaving in talking to them we discover that are **Roman Catholics**.

Greek Newspapers – At the time of writing we have delivered most of the first 500 of Evangelio-Fos, **our helpers this month David and Anna** helped greatly with the deliveries and it was interesting that from their deliveries we received a **telephone call, from a man called Drosos**, asking to speak to us about the newspaper. Alec had the opportunity to meet with him recently in a hotel, at which Alec thought he worked, however, in conversation he discovered that Drosos co-owned the hotel with his brother. **Drosos explained that he was 65, his wife died 19 years ago**, his dog died 6 weeks ago, **and he was lonely**, no one to care for him and although there was a busy hotel with hundreds of people all around him, he did not have a true friend in the world and that he wanted a housekeeper. Alec explained that he could not bring him any social help except to befriend him, but he could give him some help from the words of Jesus in the bible. **Alec is due to contact him again this week, this time, to take him some literature.**

Friendship Evangelism.

Glyn and I recently visited the Sun Hotel, this is a hotel that houses staff for several of the larger hotels around, it was interesting to note that our sign for the services had been replaced on the reception desk in fact centre of attraction, on the book table where second hand books are left for the staff to read, in May we had left a range of literature, the only item still there was a John's gospel, everything else had gone. Pray that everything will have been taken for God's glory, so we filled it up again with a range of different CD's and literature in especially East European languages.

Alec was on his way into Kos town for outreach, the buses here can be unpredictable so I offered a young man a lift. It turned out that he had just been released from his national Service only an hour earlier. On the way Alec had the opportunity to share the **Gospel, the young man came from Thessalonica**, as he left Alec offered him a **SOH, Cd, Greek newspaper & UQ in Greek**. He seemed pleased.

protestants nor RC's have any chance without sins forgiven. **He took a SOH CD**, wanted to give me some euros which I declined.

Alders and Husburg from Apledorn in Holland came and sat on the bench beside me, and over the next hour or so, we shared much about our own lives this included Alec's testimony and the reason for being in Kos, a good opportunity to share the gospel was given, they left with some tracts and a SOH CD.

A Greek lady from Athens accepted a UJ CD.
Swiss couple from Zurich took SOH,
A Slovak UQ, Turkish UQ
Lesley from Liverpool SOH, Philip from Crewe an SOH,
Georgiou from Kos a UJ CD
We have given out an LFU in most of the European languages and have now run out of the Czech and Slovak language, and are nearly out of Missing Peace in Polish.

David and Anna met Andrew from Brisbane, they had a good talk and he accepted a UJ CD. **They also gave out a LFU in Hebrew.**



New display board

Beaches –

An afternoon out on Kardamina beach produced two good conversations with English young men both were part of groups that I approached with the tract PCK, **James from Oakham** was prepared to have a talk and we discussed several aspects of the Christian faith and he was happy to receive a **SOH CD**, a similar conversation with **James from Hull** came about as he had visited Hull Fair on a number of occasions, and remembered the Hull Fair preachers. **He accepted a UJ CD.**

Car Parks. We have met many people, notably **Germans, Dutch, and Austrians.**

Ministry/Preaching/Church –

The Sunday services have suffered number wise this month, mainly because August is a time for the young people and as many of you know, fewer and fewer are going to church., but in many ways it has been very interesting. The morning numbers have still been up on last year, in the mid/late teens, one week we had our first family from **Colombia a lovely Christian family from Bogotá**, the Dutch again have been our best supporters.

The Sunday morning of the 24th August, was a real test of faith, as at **four minutes** to eleven, Glyn, Jade and I sat looking at each other, about to ask ‘will anyone come’ **by 11.20am there were 18 of us** (we are sure many pastors would find this very un-nerving). **What made this an interesting day** was, that as the entrance is a glass door and Alec is able to see what is going on outside, **a Greek Orthodox Priest appeared in full gown and hat**, with two that were obviously Greek. All of them sat, while we sang, and listened very well, while I spoke, on Joseph Gen.37. Afterwards I went and met Father Antony and we shook hands warmly and he gave me his mobile telephone number, and we agreed that it would be good to talk in the coming days. He thanked me for the word and said it was very instructional and that he himself does not very often preach from the OT. **Maria the lady with him, and I suspect her husband Anastasia**, she seemed a little sceptical, I am sure that I have seen her from time to time in Kos town. Maria/Antony took some

literature that we display (for the purpose to show the type of literature that we give away). Anastasia asked how much the CD’s were when I told him that they were free, he seemed to want all four, which he took, and then he said to me ‘I really would like to know the truth’ our prayer must be that this is really true of him.

To sum up this shows that the amount of literature we have put out this year, is starting to ruffle the feathers of certain ones in the Orthodox Church, whilst it must be understood, it is very unlikely that Father Antony would come with two of his probable congregation purely to hear the gospel, it is very likely that as he was an **English speaking Priest** he was sent to find out what we were actually doing, however, the old hymn says ‘ God moves in mysterious ways’, now that we are on our own I shall endeavour to contact the Priest.

Three of the Sunday evenings this month we have had no one come along, but the very first Sunday evening of August whilst Alec was still on his own, was interesting the only two that came were a **former Hindu mother & her son from Harrow in Middx**, so Alec decided to have a rather informal service, we sang a few songs, prayed, read from the bible and then we each gave our testimonies as to how we were saved, this was wonderful as the lady (name I am unable to pronounce) told how she was converted in an Anglican church from the youth work, her mother and father are still Hindu’s in Harrow, but have not objected to her faith.



Former Hindu Lady