

A company of God's people Praying for Kos

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Dear Friends,

First we must give thanks as usual for all your wonderful support, we do not know about you but we are very privileged to **have 20-30 people sending us their prayer reports and recent activities.** This is one of the **joys of being part of a group of God's** people that have given their lives to the Lord's work. **It brings floods of joys** each month as we read the reports from around the world and the UK of all the things that the Lord is doing. The Lord said that many are called but few are chosen, the gospel is to whom so ever will and the wonderful thing is the whom so ever will are out there right now and every now and again you hear of one that God has touched with his word. We were only reading a report of a man; we will not mention his name, he is not a full time worker but his diary for last month every day an entry of witness, in his ordinary daily life. **Won't heaven be a glorious place,** then we shall all be together to worship the Lord, and all those **so called** pew sitting Christians will have received their just reward. The man we mention is just one that has set his light on a hill. Only the other day we read a report from a couple in Turkey that have given up everything for the Lord, we think that many Christians today have misunderstood the writer to the **Hebrews,11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.. Know not in a way that is convenient to them, but with all their heart, and place or time.** **'The God of heaven will keep His promise, and give us a wonderful reward, an inheritance that Jesus Christ will share with us, Glory be'**

Mission Board work / Tracting. –

It has been a very busy month with many meaningful conversations which would take up so much room, so we have just picked out what appeared to be the most blessed of them.

James and Marilyn from Stourbridge had received a tract earlier, and then as Alec was taking a breather sitting down they came and stood in front of him and acted in only what can be described as an enquiring manner. This opened up a long conversation, which to start with centred on Alec's testimony, as Alec started to confront them about sin and eternity; James said that he was 51 last week, the age that Alec had mentioned in his testimony. James said he was particularly disturbed about final judgment, Marilyn said that she had been to church a few times, but she did not seem to know how to believe, this is a long story, so we must stop, **they took two CD's 4 Messages of Salvation and SOH.**

Attila was from Timisoara, Romania working at the Aegean Village hotel, clearly this man had concerns about his eternal security, when I first spoke to him I thought he was Greek, then he explained who he was and where he came from. He asked me what type of Christians we were, so I told him, he said are you charismatic so I said 'No' he said that all his family went to a Baptist church and they were all converted 'born again Christians,' he said that his mother and father said they would pray for him this summer when he left Romania, and his brother has been regularly speaking to him on the telephone. Sadly Attila is part of the entertainments team of the hotel and he told me that all those on the team including him were on the wide road to destruction. I told Attila this was a terrible thing to admit, and it means that you realise there is a narrow road to life. Attila replied that the wide road is very nice, so I said 'where does it end up' he said 'destruction'. So I said if you end up being destroyed it will not come as a surprise. I said if anything should happen to you on the way home, you would never see your family again. In a very solemn way he agreed, I gave him a **SOH CD** which he said he would go back and listen too. I told him that he needed to get right with God immediately, this was a God opportunity and to make sure that he did not come back to this island without knowing the Lord and doing a different job.

- 12 **Where to live** we have recently seen a three bedroom property in Lambi close to Kos town, we are really testing the Lord on a date i.e if it is not rented out by a certain date, then we should seriously consider moving, it will save us a 70 mile round trip four days a week, fuel and motor wear, **PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS.**

Finally thank you once again for being fellow workers as you prayer we are told without prayer we can do nothing, and just the replies from the prayer letter give us that great confidence that the number of people praying for us each month is amazing we have more than 300 people now receiving the prayer letter by email alone. May the Lord bless you all. As we write this letter alone, we think we have received an answer to prayer concerning our future accommodation.

Yours in the Lord's service
Alec and Glyn

P.S. We will soon be preparing our power point presentation for 2008 which should last around 30/40 minutes if you would like us to come to one of your church services i.e. bible study/mission nights. We would deem it a great pleasure to come along and tell you of the ups and downs of the work here in Kos. Many things that should encourage you.

Attila see church work.

A lady called Jane went to a Spiritualist Church in Walthamstow East London she seemed to have little understanding between Churches, she thought that all were Christians where ever they went on Sunday. **She took a CD 4 Message of Salvation and said she come on Sunday??**

Carla and her husband from near Linz, Austria came and accepted a tract, whilst her husband did not seem particularly interested, Carla told me that she went to church every Sunday, but then broadened it to a Jehovah Church, she was a JW. This opened a good conversation because she said that she had no certainty of going to heaven, so I said that the bible says according to scripture Christ Jesus has died for our sins, and to put away sins. Carla said yes but if we have more bad than good sins, then we will not be good enough. We spent sometime discussing the issues of salvation by grace. It may have gone over her head, she readily **accepted a SOH CD** and said that she had her CD player with her; she did admit that it would be a terrible thing to be deceived in this life.

Lenda and her husband from Fressland, Holland, sat on the seat and we came into a long conversation. As they left he said thank you and took a SOH CD.

I came into conversation with an Italian called Anthony from Milan; he had a RC upbringing but was not really practicing. Anthony accepted **a SOH CD,** two days later came back to say hello.

Good to meet Candy (from Peru) and Serena (from Spain) both regulars at Westminster Chapel, they gave us an English/Greek tract for Westminster Chapel.

Rank atheist, David and his wife from Venice, working in London I suspect a high flyer, after a half an hour debate as they sat on the seat they said they would not accept anything religious, said that science proved there was no God; we must leave him to the Lord.

Rob and Andrea had just married at the week end in the UK, he serves at RAF Lyneham they were quick to tell me that they had been married in a church, this opened up a good conversation, 'how that we must honour God in our married and personal lives'. **They accepted a UJ CD** and thanked me for my time.

David and Candy were also married the weekend in Copthorne Sussex, again married in a church, and again an opportunity to speak about honouring God in marriage. Candy was more receptive of the two,

and agreed that divorce would be a grave sin; it was good to tell her that this sin would not be against David but the God of heaven. They said they would listen to **the UJ CD** that I gave them.

Marianna from Salzburg, Austria asked me where the RC church was, after having given her directions we got into a good conversation as to differences between RC and bible believing, sadly she had no understanding of heaven and eternal salvation, I explained that only through knowing Jesus, and sins forgiven, she could have eternal salvation. I asked her if she would accept **a SOH CD and she read the cover 'Sure of Heaven'** she said that it would be nice to know that she was going to heaven. I promised her this could only be found in Jesus. **Mo and Jason came from Lincoln** and remembered the Christmas market and people dressed up in the CRIB, I explained that they were a group from the OAM, had a good talk they took a **UJ CD**.

Trevor and Jean from Wigan came and sat on the seat by Alec they had a good conversation and left with a **SOH CD**.

Henney was part of a group of disabled people and came from near Amsterdam; she had an odd view to say the least of how she would get to heaven. She was thrilled to receive a **SOH CD**.

Edward and Wilma from Nieumegen in Holland sat on the seat by Alec, had a conversation, Edward just could not believe that God created the world, yet he accepted that Evolution had many unanswered questions, he accepted the book '**And God said**', he said that he would start to read it that night.

David and Emma came from near Liverpool, Emma's mum was a Christian went to South Liverpool Christian Fellowship. Emma said that she used to go to church a lot, but since she has been married she did not go so much. We had a talk about the necessity to be right with God; David said they would listen to the **CD SOH** when they returned home.

Rudi and Jean RC background from near Ware, Herts a good conversation **took SOH**. **Urfa a young lady from Kurdistan** sat on the seat and Alec had a good conversation with her she said that she would come on Sunday to the service, to receive a bible but sadly did not turn up.

One morning, in literally a 15 minute spell three different **Russians** **took a LFU**.

A Romanian man took a UQ.

very open with us, and for Babis the local Pastor here as we try to build a relationship.

- 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** – Sundays in September have been very encouraging as the numbers continue to rise. Please pray for any unsaved that may attend and would you continue to pray for the hotel staff.
- 5 **Mission Board work** – The many people that are spoken too, and especially this month Attila, James & Marilyn, Jane from Walthamstow.
- 6 **Beaches** – that the hundreds of tracts put out will reap a rich harvest.
- 7 **Preaching/Ministry** – For freshness and God's help and guidance.
- 8 **Helpers** – If you would like to come and help with the outreach, all that receive this prayer letter are warmly welcome.
- 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** – At present with Glyn still feeling very homesick, especially with the new baby in the family, whilst Alec still feels called to full time commitment to the island, Glyn is feeling increasingly unable to stay the whole year. There is a possibility that from 2009 we may come from March to November.
AGAIN PRAYER IS REQUESTED.

would happen, sadly few Greeks understand any theology. It is very difficult to tell a young man that the things his mum and dad have told him are not actually true, without seeming to criticise them. Without getting into an argument I asked him if he would accept a **UJ CD** which may better explain how Jesus is the only way to salvation. Next time I past the café his boss came out and had a real go at Alec.

Whilst giving out tracts on the waterfront **Alec and Glyn met Maria and Mia**, Greeks from Australia, and now running a coffee shop in Kos for the past two years. They said that they were both Christians and seemed thrilled to meet us. They gave us the café telephone number and location and we have since visited them. It seems a bit sad as we are not really quite sure about them, the Lord's name is mentioned much in conversation but when **Olga spoke to them about the Orthodox church, Maria thought that there could be a good number that were truly Christians there**, which was difficult for us all to understand. Much talking and we intend to visit them in the future, however, not to often as their café prices are very expensive.

Prison– We are hoping to speak to **George and perhaps arrange for Olga** for them both go to the Prison here in Kos and approach them again.

Helpers – No helpers this month. Sadly a lovely man from Wales called Vivien was coming for three weeks, but was struck down with a virus. **PLEASE PRAY FOR VIVIEN AS HE SEEMS TO BE SO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT COMING.**

PRAYER POINTS

1. **Greek Newspapers** that the Lord will bless the papers when they are eventually printed and that the right telephone contact numbers will be added
2. **Friendship** – The list from earlier prayer letters is still valid but can you especially pray for George and Tina, Seva, Ahmed, Louise, Attila who we will visit next week, Drosos who has been

A young **Slovenian lady** when I asked where she came from, said 'Wow' when I gave her a **UQ in Slovenian** and walked off reading it. **Czech, Slovakian.LFU several have been taken. Polish, Hebrew, Russian, Dutch, Danish. LFU Bulgarian UQ a thrilled young lady.**

Olga has found a home under the tree (not quite as it sounds NO not buried) on the right hand side of the harbour; she takes her tub of literature with her, and has given out lots of tracts, together with an Albanian bible to a lady that she had a good conversation with. However, she was most disappointed when she saw her a few days later as she was less enthusiastic.

Olga is fast using up our stock of **LFU, she has given out Russian, Albanian, Greek, Czech, German, Polish. Ultimate Questions, in Slovak, Russian and Polish.** However one Polish lady **accepted a Polish UQ and** quickly gave it back saying we are RC we are nothing to do with that.

Another day Olga had a really good conversation with an **Egyptian couple** that had a Greek background, they took a Greek LFU.



Beaches /Car Parks

We continue to put hundreds of tracts out around the car parks, this results in a good number of contacts, we have recently started to put tracts in the bicycle baskets this has already resulted in someone that I offered a tract too who produced 'Jesus is Alive' tract from his pocket, so they do not all get thrown away.

Ministry/Preaching Church work-

Sunday the 14th was a blessed day. Good number came and some very interesting people A group of 5 Slovaks from near Bratislava came after having received a tract on the window screen of their car at Paradise beach, their main spokesman was **Edward, together with Brian, Tebor, Zeita and Oliveria** after the service we sat around the pool bar and they each gave their testimony as to how they had been saved. Edward a few years ago, around the age of 20 was saved from rebellion against mother and father, into drugs and drink etc and was converted through receiving literature. It was a really joyful time to hear their testimonies.

Our friend Sheila that has a home in Turkey we have come to know through York Evangelical Church came over from Turkey for the service with her mum and husband **Kevin who is not saved**, it was a thrill for Sheila as Kevin sat with her and listened to the testimonies of the Slovaks, he had many questions to ask and one felt that the Lord was really working in Kevin's life. It may be tears of joy from Sheila very soon.

The lady called Jane the spiritualist from a Walthamstow church came again to the service the second week she took **UJ CD and a SOH CD**; she gave Alec a kiss and said that she had really liked the service, very different.

Bev & Andrew came from Frinton on Sea, Essex they seemed to have an unusual church background, Andrew said he was sure of heaven, but in conversation Alec was not sure what that was based on. Bev said that she was a sinner and was not sure that she could go to heaven as her sin was so bad. **Bev asked for a copy of SOH CD** and they came back later in the afternoon to thank us.

For two weekends we have enjoyed the company of Philippa and Gerrard Crispin from UBM/Daylight Prison Ministries. A couple that really encouraged us and God's hand seemed to be really at work as by God's planning surely their staying at the Aegean Village as you will

read from above, gave them the opportunity to meet Attila and on one Friday morning they spent some two hours with him explaining the gospel in great detail they brought the news that this young man is really starting to be convicted of his sin and admitted that he did not think that it was by chance that he had met Alec, Philippa and Gerrard all within a few weeks. **PLEASE PRAY FOR ATTILA.**



Greek Newspapers

Greek Newspapers - We have been very blessed with funds from our supporters but the delay now is that the printer has a lot of work on and we are deeply concerned as to the Greek names we place on the paper as contacts. Babis is the local Greek Pastor here and he has agreed to have his name and telephone number mentioned as point of contact for those speaking only Greek. **PLEASE PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL BLESS BABIS AND THAT HE WILL HAVE MANY CONTACTS.**

Friendship Evangelism

Whilst putting tracts on bikes, **Pantelis from a nearby café** came and asked what Alec was giving out, this opened a conversation where Pantelis he believed that his mother's teachings on Maria, God and Jesus would get him to heaven, but he had no understanding as to how this