

# **A company of God's people Praying for Kos**

November 2008

Dear Friends

**First we must give thanks to God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.** That has brought us through these eight months, which have been in the very least intense.

As we write this prayer letter the last tourists have just left the island, the rental shops are crammed with bikes and mopeds, the car lots are stacked full of cars, the hotels are boarded up, the shops have polythene covering every sign and it is as though the yearly death has descended upon the place. The boats leaving the harbour are crammed with workers leaving the island going back to the mainland or the Eastern European countries, the richer Greeks are leaving for America, Australia, and Britain etc. Yet in the villages the rest of the Greeks go back to doing as they have done for centuries living, every now and again the bell at a local church rings out a slow dirge that notifies all that hear it that another soul has passed into eternity, sadly most here will have gone to the depths of hell for all of eternity, our only answer to this is oh what a great Saviour we have, as the psalmist said 'O taste and see that the Lord is good' **Our Lord wept over Jerusalem** at their unbelief and in many ways Greece is so similar. Amsterdam, Birmingham, or Berlin does not have a book/letter written after its name, but the Greeks have the city of Thessalonica, and Corinth they had the gospel but they neglected it and forgot it. Yet it is our sincere belief that God has not finished with the Greeks. However, we can say through this year as the writer to the Hebrews said '**Heb 13 v 5 For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."**' **Below as usual are our meetings and events.**

## ***Mission Board work / Tracting. –***

**Mermet and Yvonna** came and sat on the seat beside me, and allowed me to have a good conversation with them; they lived in the **Amsterdam area of Holland**. Mermet had read a tract, Yvonna said that she feared the end of her life this opened up a lovely conversation; **they accepted a SOH** and said they would listen to it when they got home.

**John from Hastings** was on a visa renewal day from Bodrum, on a hotel water sports team in Bodrum, he had little hope of the future and said that he lived for the day, he was courteous and listened to the gospel, **I offered him a UJ CD** he did take it but said that he could not guarantee that he would listen to it.

**Gerard was from Utrecht** seemed to be wandering around and seemed ideal for a conversation, he has a philosophical view of life and religion, thankfully he definitely had a view of life after death and sadly it was not particularly positive for himself. We had a good talk about the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ and I tried to point him to the fact that he is the only one that we can trust in. **He took a UJ CD.**

**Des was on a day visa renewal from Turkey.** As I offered him a tract we had a talk.

Des was in his later 60's had lived in Turkey about eight years, his wife died from cancer five years ago, in Des words lonely and little to live for the loss hurts every day. Life has little point of meaning any more and has been like this for several years. I pointed Des to Jesus and tried to explain that only he brings true peace and comfort. **Des thanked me for the SOH CD** and said he would play it when he got back to Turkey. **This type of case nearly brings one to tears??**

**Jacqui with her husband from Mitcham Surrey** took a tract; she said tell me why God let her best friend die at 36 years old leaving two kids less than 10 years old. Jacqui seemed to have a streak of anger, but did listen as I tried to explain God's ways are not ours. Jacqui did not have a Bible back in the UK, **so she took a JG & SOH cd.** She thanked me for listening to her woes.

**An Iranian man from Tehran** that could not read English, he could understand the spoken word, **took a UJ CD.**

**Good talk with Antony from Amsterdam** he was nearly 70, was really hoping that his good works would be good enough to get him to heaven, but said what if they were not. We had a good talk, **and he left with a SOH.**

printed, these have all been paid for without using any of the church monies.

The December prayer letter will be our close for the year, and we hope to be able to give you some interesting developments especially the Ministry in Kos Town, with Pastor Babis and Mirits his wife.

**If any of you that support us** and come from a church that we have not yet brought our presentation too, if you would like a visit and we are able to fit you in we would be more than happy to come. **Sadly, unless we can get 2/3 in the Netherlands** at the same time it may be difficult to come to Holland, however, we would love too.

Our account details are repeated below:-

**Account Alec J. Molton**

**Account no. 45826893**

**Sort code 07 01 16.**

**Held at Nationwide Building Society, Mildenhall.**

**God bless you all  
Alec and Glyn**

- 5 **Mission Board work** – Please pray that the Lord will continue to use all the tracts and contacts we have made, especially pray for Des from Turkey who seemed so sad.
- 6 **Beaches** – That the Lord will bless all the thousands of tracts that have been given out.
- 7 **Preaching/Ministry** – Perhaps someone that has come to one of the services that was not truly born again, may have found salvation in the Lord.
- 8 **Helpers** – That the Lord will provide many helpers for next year.
- 9 **Olga** – That the Lord will continue to sustain her, and she will know her calling for next year.
- 10 **Prison** – That the Lord will open the door for a further quantity of bibles to be given in before we leave in November.
- 11 **Future** – That we will settle in our new home in Lampi, and we will benefit from being closer to the people.

We have been asked especially if we could make this prayer request known to all our correspondents.

Dear Alec,

Here is a message from Urk in the Netherlands.

We would like to ask if you will pray for the next year because it is what the evolutionist called Darwin year and we are saying that God created the heavens and the earth. They are planning a lot off festivals and more in that year and we must stand up for our God and His plan also for the creation of the earth.

I hope that in the next prayers letter this will be printed en we wish you and your wife God blessings.

Greetings from Urk.

Hendrik and mirjam van den berg.

**In closing we would like to thank everyone** that has sent money towards the printing of the newspapers and the last quantity of tracts

**Sandy and Alan from Hatfield took a PCFK**, this started a general conversation which resulted in asking how Alec came to live here. This gave a good opportunity to tell how Alec’s life had been changed by the gospel. Sandy had a belief that good works and not only Jesus would be good enough for heaven. Alan agreed he would not be good enough for heaven; **they left with a UJ CD.**

**A very small lady came past** and looked at the literature and disappeared, a while later she appeared again and introduced herself as **Nanina from Istanbul**, a Turkish lady that was a Christian and was in a group on a day trip from Bodrum, she said that she had been witnessing for a long time, but had never seen our literature that we had. She asked if she could take some of the Turkish literature that we had, so she left with some Turkish tracts, **Turkish UQ and LFU.** She said that she was really thrilled to have met a real Christian.

**Norman whose picture is below, a Greek** from the next island Kalymnos however, has lived for 40 years in Sydney, Australia he was on a visit. I gave Norman a Greek tract as he walked by ‘How can I believe in God’ he must have read every word, he then said that he agreed with every word and told Alec his life story. He never mentioned a conversion experience and yet he knew his bible very well, and quoted it often. As he sat for so long, I was giving out tracts as well as speaking to him, I tried to ask him directly if he was saved, he never said yes or no, and yet he said Jesus was the only way to heaven. So when he eventually went I offered him **a gift of a SOH CD**, he said that he would play it when he got back to his room that night.



Norman

**Dimitre from Athens now living on Kos**, we had a very pleasant conversation this came on the back of two **Greek JW's, literally 50 metres** divided the pair so Dimitre came back clearly wanting to talk. We had a long discussion about how we could be saved, and it was not church, Orthodox or JW or any protestant denomination. I challenged Dimitre to read the bible. He accepted a UJ CD and I wrote my telephone number on the inside in case he had any questions to ask. **Stanley comes from Hertfordshire** and has holidayed on Kos for many years; he is warm and friendly and knows just about all there is to know about everything. He certainly knows all about eternity, and he is a hopeless case to talk too, but Stanley is back for the second time this year and already I have met him three times before. This time he brings his wife Eunice with him and tells me all what God is and is not going to do. Accept that this time; Eunice is with him, it just so happens that they have a son that lives in **Redhill, Surrey where I was born**. Eunice says my brother has just been converted, Stanley comes back 'he does not want to hear all about that,' Eunice comes back advising me that her brother phoned last night and that it has changed his life, and that I ought to look into these things. But I have not got a chance with a husband like Stanley have I, so **I offered her a UJ CD**, she told me when she had 5 minutes peace she will listen to it. She clearly has a great respect for her brother. It is one of the conversations that make you laugh and cry all at the same time.

**Dorcacia from Frankfurt in Germany** and her family came and sat on our favourite seat, she became the spokesman and it seems that she had a degree in Philosophy and found it difficult to accept creation and yet was clear that evolution could not account for i.e. why animals do not have a conscience and human beings do, the discussion went on for over an hour. **She took a UQ in German**.

**An Israeli young man called Elel came by** and stopped a conversation developed. The discussion soon centred upon the person of Jesus Christ was he really the son of God, did he really live and perform the miracles that the bible says and did he die was he a true figure of history. Elel said yes he was Jewish, and then I tried to explain to Elel that you cannot accept this and believe this without trying to understand that he was much more than just this, that his death was so that sin could be paid for. As you would expect Elel tried to steer around this inevitability of this argument. However, he seemed pleased to accept **a John's gospel** where I pointed out verse chapt 1 v 11 'He came to His own....' **And a UJ CD**.

We sat outside the prison and prayed that the Lord would open the hearts of the prison guards and watched while George and Angelos went and had a discussion at the prison door grill, after what seemed to be 10 minutes they returned to say that they would **accept the 15 bibles that we had taken with us**. Each had a little insert in it to say that if they would like to speak to anybody on Christian matters a contact and telephone number was given. In late November, we plan to return again and pray that they will allow us to give another 15.

## **Helpers**

Olga gave a few days at the beginning of the month along with Angelos, however we have been encouraged about the number of enquiries for next year.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

1. **Greek Newspapers** that the Lord will continue to challenge those that read them, and as we deliver the next 3,000.
2. **Friendship** – Especially pray for the group in Kefalos as we leave them and for Joyce as she organises the meetings in the future days. Pray especially for the future for Pastor Babis and his wife, Hasan, George and Tina, Sam, Drossos.
3. **Tracting** – Please pray that the Lord will bless the 25,000 + tracts that have been given out this year, to all the different countries around Europe that the Sovereign Lord will continue to call his elect.
4. **Church work** – Although the services have now ceased please pray for Mr Samaris and the hotel staff, as we take the Thank You Card to the Manager and that we will be invited back next year.

that we have offered to pray for him. At this stage I believe it is now the work of the Holy Spirit to finally convict him and bring him to God.



Attila

**Samantha from the Nottingham** area came with her mum to church twice over these last two years, Samantha is now trying to settle on the island she came by the board and we got into a long conversation about her family and early life. Sam it would appear made a profession of faith weak or strong she does not know it was sometime back. However, as we are coming to the end of the season and the holiday buzz is disappearing it appears that reality is starting to strike home to Sam, it was good to meet her and she gave us her mobile number it is interesting she only lives a few hundred yards from where we will be living in Lampi, Alec offered that we would all meet and have a meal together in early November before we leave. **PLEASE PRAY FOR SAM.**

## **Prison**

After much prayer and with Angelos with us (mentioned in the car park work) also along with **George we decided to go to the prison on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.** Angelos advised us it would be better if we just asked if they would accept bibles only for the prisoners and not the evangelistic carrier bag packs that we have.

**For two days we have had a mammoth cruise ship from Israel** this cleared us out of all our Hebrew literature, it did give me the opportunity to speak to two of the ships crew a young man from **Honduras took a SOH CD** and a man from **Mauritius took a UJ CD**, both had limited English reading ability but they understood the spoken word. **A man from Pakistan** working here took a **John's gospel and a UJ CD.** **Paul from Milan took a SOH CD.** **Sejaba was Pakistani** Erdu speaking could read English, he had time and was loitering around the stand looking, after he said he could understand the spoken English. He took a **Greek tract + and an Arabic Luke's Gospel, and UQ J CD.**

## **Beaches/ car parking**

This month there has been less car hires however, there are still a good number of bicycles around. Mermet and Yvonna from Holland mentioned in the Mission Board section had received a tract and Mermet showed me and said that they had read it.

**One day, Glyn and Olga were travelling in the car when Glyn's mobile rang a Greek man answered so I handed it to Olga, Angelos was a lovely Greek Christian** from Northern Greece who we understand spends much of his holidays travelling around engaging people in personal evangelism. He has had the same idea for many years of putting tracts on window screens of cars, as he was putting a tract on the window screen of a car, he was curious as to the literature that was already on the window screen it was a Greek tract that Glyn had placed there earlier in the day. He was absolutely thrilled to phone our number and to meet us, and then spent two days with us. Although he spoke no English he was a joy to be around a man who had **been a Christian for over 50 years**, he knew what it was to have much hostility from the Greeks. In the early days he said it was not unusual under the priest's directions to have stones thrown at the windows of their house or meeting house where they met.



Angelos with Olga

## ***Greek Newspapers***

**Finally the newspapers** are being printed and distribution commenced. We have the joy of a young **Christian lady** who we have recently met who is hoping to help us with this.

## ***Friendship Evangelism***

**Alec had his first visit to the dentist**, when he went in to the surgery area, Olga came as an interpreter although the lady spoke fairly good English, and Alec noted that she had lots of photographs including one of herself with a priest. It was a bit unnerving as while Alec was being treated Olga was having a discussion with her about the **merits of Orthodoxy** and that bible believing Christians really had the truth. It was difficult for Alec to interrupt except that when Olga told Alec as they left the surgery that her **son was an Orthodox Priest** he could say he had figured that out from the photographs. Fortunately she did not do him any damage.

**We went to the Aegean Village this afternoon and met with Attila**, and then met with him again at 5 pm for an hour plus, he is very open about his family. Which it appears his mum and dad are not Christians, but kind of church goers, his church background does not seem to be very encouraging or the places that he has been too. One church he said that he called a charismatic church, he said he did not understand the things they got up too, and said that they seem to be confusing. He certainly knows what sin is, and I think his understanding to be a real Christian, he will have to give up many of his ideas on life. i.e. stop looking for just any girlfriend but a Christian one. I do not think he will do the animation team again, as they ask him to do things especially in the sketches which are wrong, in fact he said sinful. He is reading his bible every morning and evening and encouraged him that eventually he will have to come to the point where he will have to confess his personal sin before God, not expect anybody else to do it for him and not to rely on other Christians being around to shelter him. **I gave him John Piper's 50 reasons why Christ had to die.** We have arranged to meet at least once more before he goes back to Romania; he has given me his mobile number for Greece and his email. He said he was very thankful

## ***Church work/Ministry and Preaching***

**Again the numbers attending the services** have been encouraging, especially as there have been far less tourists on the island this October. Numbers have been nearly double what they were last year. We had the joy of a **visit from the Taylor family** from our home church, and our friends **David, Sue and Stephen Kingdon** who we met some years ago at the Carey Family Conference.

**Robert John was from Holland**, I met him on the waterfront in Kos and he came along to the service with his family, after the service we spent a good time discussing what the call of God was, as he has only been converted just over a year, he wants to serve the Lord, it was very encouraging to talk to a young man that has these desires.

On the last Sunday evening we had the joy of seeing Attila come and join us in church, following a phone call to ask if it was possible for him to come. This young man is clearly being deeply spoken to by God, and needs our constant prayers.