

A company of God's people Praying for Kos

December 2008

Dear Friends

Timothy Dudley Smith wrote and many of you will have sung **'Lord for the years, your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.**

In many ways we can echo Timothy Dudley Smith's words; first if it had not been God's sovereign and electing power that saved us in the first place, we would never have come to Kos. We can certainly say **Lord for this year you have kept and guided** us.

We were only talking to another couple the other day, we cannot understand how men and women that went to the Mission field years ago managed to survive, and yet we know it was because they lived so close to the Lord. We know that Alec's uncle, who spent **49 years in Portugal, never came home for 14 years** and only after that time came home 6 times for 3 month spells. Yet we have the benefit of telephones, Skype, emails, and visitors, how blessed we are and yet so easy on a down day to say in the conscience what am I doing here. Yet as another hymn writer says 'Unnumbered souls are dying, and passing into the night', and of course, the Apostle Paul told the Roman church and us, **Ro 10:14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?**

So as Paul told the Corinthian church – **1 Corinthians 1 v 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness**, and we echo this verse

So to sum up nine and half months that when you looked at them from the commencement seemed years away, yet they have been just as the bible says life is but a vapour.

The plus side – we have been encouraged by literally hundreds of people that have stopped to talk, listen or read. We have also been encouraged with all the advertising that has been done, which has paid off, not in thousands but certainly hundred plus. **We have been encouraged that God has above all, protected the ministry** from the **local authorities** and any others of Satan's army of spoilers. We have been encouraged by those who have come to help and also encouraged by all of you that have asked to receive and have received the prayer letters, and especially those that do not just receive it, but send encouraging emails back. **Thank you Brothers and Sisters one day we will celebrate in one of those wonderful robes of righteousness around the throne of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.** More than three hundred and fifty of you that receive the prayer letters by email, plus a further thirty that have them posted out from the UK (**our thanks go to Linda, Alan and Jacqui**) to us this is marvellous.

Further encouragement is that the group in Kefalos continue to progress and have started a Wednesday bible study, and we feel they are trying to move towards progressive leadership.



Kefalos bible study group

We feel the Lord is with us as we have taken the step to move the 35 miles down into Kos town area, when you are not in a permanent home to start with this needs even more faith which at times becomes a bit stretched. As with all moves there seems to be plus's and negatives, but certainly being less than half a mile from where we stand on the harbour

7 Prison – These visits will be allowed to continue, as we close this prayer letter we trust that a further 20 will be received.

As we close one last point to say is that our meeting with Angelos. Continues to gain momentum, this week we had an e-mail from Jennifer from near Athens concerning our meetings with Angelos, Alec hopes to be able to make arrangements to be able to meet with her when he passes through Piraeus on his way home.

Our new address is 71 Sof Venizelou, Lampi, Kos 85300, Greece. This address is from the 1st Dec 2008, but please do not send any mail to this address before 1st. Mar 2009. We will have a new Tel No after this date.

Our UK address from Dec 1st to Mar 1st 2009 will be C/O Jonathan Molton, 6 Heron Close, Beck Row, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP28 8HW. UK.

His telephone number is 01638 714067.

Finally, thank you all very much for your Christian love, we close with the blessing of Moses.

Num 6 v 24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;

26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

Alec & Glyn Molton



Triton Congregation



Pastor Babis & Marits

PRAYER POINTS

1. **Greek Newspapers** that the Lord will continue to challenge those that read them.
2. **Friendship** – Pray for the Greek contacts, Drosos, Husan's family, Seva, Ahmed, Louise, Kefalos group, Kos town group, especially Babis & Martz and the family, also for Vangelis & Julie a lovely young Christian couple that have just joined us there. And for Ahmed as he has received a Bengali bible.
3. **Church work / Preaching/Ministry** – That the word that has been preached this year will find a resting place, for the Hotel staff, and for next years services,
4. **Mission Board work** – For all the thousands of tracts given out, and all the conversations, together with all the CD's and literature that have been received
5. **Beaches** – Again for all the thousands of tracts given out,
6. **Helpers** – That those that came this year have been blessed, and for next year that many will come and others will answer the call.

front will be great, and only one and half miles to the hotel for the Sunday services.

We are encouraged and trusting, hoping and praying that perhaps next year the Christian group or groups will have some form of unity and try to progress in the Kos town area. Please appreciate that we could not put all our thoughts into writing, as we would not wish to dishonour anyone.

Discouragements – Very few – one at times we do not seem to be able to get over and that is **Satan's continual attacks on homesickness etc.** A **discouragement** is that you have heard it preached many times, a statement that so easily goes over the heads of most of those in the congregation. **'If He is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all'**. In Greece, money rules and that means the acquiring of it is top of everyone's list, so work is number one, and Sunday becomes any other day of the week no matter what. So too many of those who claim to be the Lord's church and their Christianity is put on hold because the need of money is greater, and we feel that this is the greatest stumbling block, and the bible is clear those who live under these constraints God will never bless.

Mission Board work / Tracting.

Post Card From Kos 13,800 + 150 CD's Letter for You, 120 Ultimate Questions & other booklets. Of course we know that the Lord of Heaven is not in the number game, yet His word says **Ec 11:1 Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days.** And **Ec 11:6 In the morning sow your seed, And in the evening do not withhold your hand; For you do not know which will prosper, The Open Missions verse is "hold fast that word"** This we have done for the Lords Glory.

Beaches

Open Air Mission tracts 12,700 + Ps 126:5 Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. And **John 4:37 "For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'** Our responsibility is to sow; only the Lord knows where the tracts have gone and the response.

Ministry/Preaching/Church work

As we have said in previous PL,s the number have slowly increased, Alec has continued through the **Book of Genesis in the morning to Chap 46**, all services God has been gracious in providing a Congregation.

In the Evenings we have progressed to **Hebrews Chap 7, only five services when we did not have anyone join us.**

Greek Newspapers

We started the year by delivering the first 3,500 with two responses from Drosos and Seva. Deciding to print the Newspapers here has been fraught with some problems which are normal to Greek life, 'not on time' and 'sadly inaccurate'. After Tom Meador had done such a good job in editing and producing the paper and sending it to the printer, it was finally printed many weeks later with the wrong telephone number. **This meant that the printer had to prepare sticky labels to go over the 3,500+ wrong telephone numbers. So the last ten days has been a real rush to deliver the 3,000+ fortunately, Dave** gave us a hand on a couple of days, and **Julie** on one afternoon, however, going up and down the many tenement blocks is very warring and energy sapping. Our thanks go to **Kelvin, Michaela and Dave** for assisting us with sticking on some of the labels. But this is the Lord's work and it was not meant to be easy. **So 6,500 have been delivered plus about 1,500 other Greek tracts, CD's and Literature.**

Friendship Evangelism

This continues to gain momentum and humanly speaking depends on trust. This year we could say that Drosos and Seva have been added to those who we are seriously trying to witness too. There are others that we have contact with but no spiritual progress. It was good to catch up with Ahmed this week, and give him a full bible in Bengali. We think he was rather taken aback to see it in his own language. Our prayer now is that while he is on his own now, that the word of God will dwell richly in him as he reads it.

Prison

By the time you receive this we are hoping to make a second visit to the prison on or around the day that we finish.

Helpers

Our thanks go to the helpers this year, **Sue, Mike, Pauline and Ken, David and Anna**, an encouragement for us, for those who have already shown interest for next year.

And a BIG thanks to David Hall the Pastor of Pound Lane Free Church for all his HELP in preparing these Monthly News Letters.

As we close this year we will have moved to the Lampi area of Kos Town, you could say right into the midst of the People, **but much more important we decided after** much Prayer too, for at least to start with join the Few Christians that meet in the town. For a number of years they have **met at Pastor Babis's house**, their gathering usually is Babis Family + four or five others.

The great encouragement is that from Nov 1st. We have all met in the Triton Hotel, the first week the pastor from the supporting church in Athens (spiritually supporting) came with his wife.

It is great joy we can tell you all, it is just over a year since in response to the **Newspaper the "Winner"** we came into contact with **George & Tina**. Over this time **many, many prayers have been offered to the "Throne of Grace"** "You can imagine the joy last Sunday when George told us that after the **Sunday Morning Service he had "Come to the Lord" praise the Lord.**

On Monday afternoon we happen to meet in Kos town, George had that glow,

Oh may it never go!!

The Church has the name Kos International Church.