

A company of God's people Praying for Kos

August/September 2009

Dear Friends

First we must give thanks, and undoubtedly so these months. This the first time we have combined two months together.

Alec's sister had indicated that 2009 may be a difficult year for her and so these words have come true. Margaret had come to terms with the fact that since her breast cancer which first occurred some fourteen years ago, the risk of the cancer returning was becoming ever real.

So in June, after a week or two of severe pain and two visits to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Margaret was finally told that there was now no further treatment she could have, and **so at 2.50 pm on Sunday 16th** August after her daughter Caroline had read **Psalm 23** and that wonderful last verse, Margaret was to breath twice more and gently **passed into glory.**

The last few months have been wonderful, sharing emails with her of a spiritual content, that Alec said had never gone on between them before, Margaret said one day bruv if only we had been like this for many a year, just think of what we have missed.

The funeral service was a wonderful celebration all centring on what the Lord had done for Margaret, Alec was privileged to have been able to speak, having been given ten minutes, which stretched to over twenty, the Pastor was very gracious and said this is about your family today and not about us, several of the congregation said that they had not heard the gospel proclaimed in that way for many a long year. Alec was encouraged that many brothers and sisters of many years back came and the numbers that came were incredible, several hundred.

All of this has made this last two months very hectic, two trips back to the UK, which included the funeral, this was made exceptionally difficult by the fact that it was in the middle of the holiday season and being an island one had to arrange transport off the island when all the boats and

airlines were full. But the Lord made the way possible, just a day and half travel there and one day back.

With Glyn being away for the birth of our new grandson William sadly the celebration of the birth has virtually been over taken amongst the tears of death. Glyn finally returned on 13th August.

It is incredible that just going by the length of the email pages we have had between 130/150 notes of sympathy, brothers and sisters in the Lord, how uplifting you all are as we said at the funeral soon we shall all be together in glory for ever.

Mission Board work / Tracting / Beaches –

July and August generally are the difficult months as so many of the holiday makers are young and quite a difficult bunch, one morning **Alec was giving out PCK** when a young man with his girlfriend accepted one and walked to the first rubbish bin and threw it in, in front of him. The next two girls just a few meters away told Alec they were not interested in silly things.

However, on the funny side we continue to be asked where is the ‘Fellowship’ thinking that we are selling tickets for a ship.

Probably the best conversation of all was with one of the ex-Pats called Paul that lives in Kardamina on a hospital visit with time to waste, we have spoken a number of times over the years, and this conversation was very much more serious, he accepted a JG and UJ CD.

In brief, the following literature has been given away.

Two Turkish men both came into conversation; they both received a LFU fully understanding its relevance to Christianity.

Meno and his wife from near Arnham, Holland, good conversation, left with a JG and SOH CD.

A family from Vienna, the wife sat on the seat and discussed Christian things, she accepted UJ CD.

Sammy and Honnie two Egyptian waiters from a Cruise Ship, came into conversation with us, they had some Christian understanding but were very happy when we offered them a JG and SOH CD.

Liz from South Africa seemed bored this brought about an opportunity to share the gospel she took a SOH CD.

A young man Chris on one of the Cyprus Cruise ships sat on our favourite seat, another good opportunity to share the gospel he took a JG and SOH CD.

may be of saving grace, also the literature taken from the stand, pray for the hotel staff especially Irene.

The Kefalos group need special prayers as a number seem to be leaving the island.

Mission Board work Beaches – This month Paul as mentioned above and the other contacts, but also the hundreds of PCK that are given away, especially a delight when they seem to be read or put into their back packs.

Helpers – Give thanks last month and this for Daphne, Paul, Arron, Olga, Jacqui and Mark.

Prison – That we may be able to resume the delivery of bibles especially Albanian and Greek.

Future – we are more and more convinced that the Lord is guiding us to seek others to continue the work here if we leave next year, we do have a couple in mind.

PLEASE PRAY EARNESTLY THAT THE LORD WILL MAKE THE FUTURE CLEAR FOR THEM AND US.

Thank you all again for praying with us this last six/seven weeks our family has known life and death, and a lot of travelling, yet the Lord has sustained us through all these things, very often we have been very tired but as quoted above ‘surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.’ **We are all commanded to run the race with perseverance to the end. Praise the Lord that we have such a great Saviour as Jesus Christ our Lord.**

May the Lord bless each one of you?

Alec and Glyn

church on a regular basis and is receiving good biblical instruction, praise the Lord.

This is Christianity not in theological terms, but in action, faith without works is dead. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ATTILA.

Prison– Sadly our last visit to the prison was not helpful as it appears that the prison commander was there that day, and he seemed to have little interest to listen to our wishes.

Helpers – July and August have been very busy months and a wonderful blessing amongst all the chaos of travelling to and fro to the UK. **Paul from Colchester** has been here for several weeks, and would you believe it he is a chef so our food needs have been well looked after. **Daphne a lovely lady from the Manchester** area came for a week. **Olga returned last week** and **Arron from Dewsbury** has recently arrived. What did Paul say ‘[My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory](#)’?

PRAYER POINTS

Greek Newspapers - with about 4,000 plus now delivered of the latest issue please continue to pray that the Lord will continue to challenge those that read them.

Friendship – Pray for the Greek contacts as listed before. Especially for Minko from Bulgaria and Antony from Ethiopia (explain more next month). Along with Tina and George.

Tracting – For the thousands of OAM tracts that have been put out in baskets, window screens, and hotel areas, already there are signs that people are reading them and that God will use them to convert a lost soul.

Church work Preaching/Ministry – The increasing numbers attending on Sunday’s indicate that there are unbelievers amongst those or some that have an odd understanding of salvation. That the message they hear

Alan from near Manchester waiting for his family to have their picture painted opened up a conversation he left with a SOH CD.

Ano from Poland plus three of his friends spoke for a while received LFU plus JG UJ CD.

Thomas a Tui Rep that was based in Patmos spoke about the truth that John received the revelation there took a UJ CD and a JG.

A Dutch couple from Middleburg a town in Holland took a SOH CD.

Hans and Zeita from Easy Germany took a JG and SOH CD.

Antonois an ex drug addict from Athens now saved and attending a Pentecostal church in Athens was thrilled to meet us.



Czech lady reading Letter For You

Glyn had a real encouragement as while she was out putting the tracts on the window screens, she came across a car that had a camera sitting on the window screen, she thought it odd at the time, but continued to put a tract under the window screen wiper as she would normally do, a few days later she received an email from Linda who is in the office at OAM HQ to say that they had received an email thanking them for finding the camera obviously they had read the OAM tract to find the address, Glyn was able to write back to Jackie Mok (probably Netherlands) to say that she could not take the credit for the found camera but prayed that she had read the tract.

Yannie that comes to the Wednesday night prayer group was saying that one of his friends works in one of the bicycle hire workshops and whilst he was talking to him who he knows is a Christian, he was saying that he keeps seeing these leaflets with Kos Christian Fellowship (OAM tracts) and he said how he had read a good number of them and how interesting they were.

Ministry/Preaching / Church work – July and August have been very encouraging the numbers have been very good especially with **two Dutch holiday groups having** taken to us a bit, one of the leaders told Alec they like coming to your services, several of the young people said they liked to hear the bible opened up, of course, this is our task, **we had the thrill one week of having to move into the lecture hall as between 60/70 came.** Alec has now moved on into **the book of Exodus**, and is now up to Chapter 11 this week, whilst the evenings have not been quite so encouraging.

The Greek group continue to meet in the Triton Hotel, and they have been encouraged recently as groups have come from other churches in the Greek Islands and Athens only last week end, they had a small ladies conference.

Olga was most encouraged as her niece Maria sent her children to the Sunday morning children's club and then in the evening came to the ladies conference herself.

Wednesday night prayer meetings are an encouraging time.

Greek Newspapers – The Greek Newspapers continue to be delivered especially by our helpers and this has helped greatly, in the heat that can become quite tiring. **Sadly, Paul one of our helpers this month** was chased away from a block of flats by an elderly lady wheeling a broom around in quite a threatening fashion.

Whilst Alec was out delivering papers in the town of Zipari he come across a man **called Arras**, that asked him what the paper was about, when told it was Christian things he invited him in to discuss. Arras told Alec that he had lived in Canada for a number of years but when he returned to Kos (his birth place) he had started the Jehovah's Witness group on the island, but after three years had turned away from it, yet he was clearly still very interested in religions, but Christianity was still to the fore. Alec spent over one hour with him trying to answer the

questions. They left on good terms and he is hoping I will take some literature for him in the next couple of weeks.

Alec had an encounter in a block of flats, he met a lady that was washing her door step down and saw Alec dripping with sweat, so she offered him a glass of water. Whilst Alec drank it, a conversation occurred only for the ladies husband to return and come to see that his wife was talking to him.

Friendship Evangelism – It is encouraging that our presence here in Kos town is being noted, at the car wash the other day whilst Alec was waiting for the car to be **washed a lady called Seva** who was also waiting for her car came and sat down where Alec was waiting and asked are you part of Kos Christian Fellowship, please explain to me how your Christianity is different to that of the Orthodox Church because I know that it is, this was a wonderful opportunity not to be missed. It appeared that she did know some of the Greek Christians on the Island. Alec told her to just read her bible and pray.

Tania a Christian from the Ukraine which a Polish sister had text us about, who needed Christian fellowship we have finally been able to meet and once we managed to bring her to the church, however, she speaks very little English.

Arron that is staying with us has recently met a Bulgarian Christian called Minko and was thrilled the other day that they could meet and open the bible, study it and pray together.

Margaret's cancer has meant that Alec has continued to have some good talks with **Hassan at the café**; it has been especially good for him to be on his own in the quiet times of the day. Hassan keeps repeating that he does not believe it, but he just seems to love to get involved in spiritual conversation.

Safa that Alec has mentioned before, who is the captain of the Bodrum ferry, we see him most days on the harbour front, spoke one morning about how difficult it was to understand the resurrection this opened up a really good opportunity.

Update news on Attila is that a lovely couple Arthur and Gillian from Barton Mills Free Church have invited him into their home, and since Glyn left has taken him to their heart and are looking after him, you could say nearly as a son. He is hoping to find some work very soon; there is some interest from a prospective employer. He is attending