

We truly are blessed that so many are praying for us, we surely do not deserve it as there are others that surely need more prayers, but we are a very thankful people.

May the Lord bless you all.

Alec and Glyn

A company of God's people Praying for Kos

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Dear Friends

First we must give thanks again for all your prayers and encouraging emails. These are always a lovely tonic especially on a day when it is easy to say 'what we are doing here.'

Below is our news for the month which seems to have past very quickly, as we write only 25 days to the end of the season amazing.

Mission Board work / Tracting / Beaches

It has been a very busy month, for tracts with literally thousands having been given out both of PCK and OAM.

Meaningful conversations have been not easy, however, we have given a number of pieces of literature away, **and LFU booklets especially to the Eastern Countries have now nearly all run out.**

A lady called Rosemary that Alec had met on a number of occasions her boat was moored on the Quayside said that she was a believer and lived in Turkey; however, she did not seem to be attending any church. One morning Alec spoke to her, she said that they expected to sail within the next half an hour, this prompted Alec to speak a bit more seriously to her, telling her that she could not play with God and use Him for her convenience, Alec urged her to read her bible and as she had a CD player on **board she accepted SOH CD**, said that she would play it in the evening time.

Saffron and his girlfriend from Amsterdam took a SOH CD.

Onery who had a Kenyan husband took a SOH CD.

A Manchester man who did not give his name took a SOH CD and a JG.

A couple from Preston took SOH CD

A couple from Eindhoven SOH CD and JG.

A young man from Warsaw, Poland took a SOH CD.

An English speaking French man said he was going to Patmos for two days, did not realise that John wrote Johns gospel. So Alec was able to explain to him who John was, **he took a JG** and said that he would read it on the way there.

An American couple from a yacht came by, and said they were thrilled to see a brother giving out tracts, they had not seen it on a Greek island before, he said that God had really blessed his life, his name was called Paul, he had a terrible upbringing in the New York area, but God had wonderfully saved him. Gave **Alec 50\$ to use** towards the tracts and insisted that he took it.

This month we seemed to have met so many Christians probably between 10-20, but so many had either arrived late on the Saturday or departed early on the Sunday morning, this is probably one of the reasons why there have been so few English at the services this season.

Stanley a Jewish man that lives in the London area and has been coming to the island for 18 years, in the spring and autumn who I have met on a number of occasions has appeared for his autumn holiday again with many argumentative questions, and yet he in his own words said 'he must go to find Alec each time'.

Saffa the Turkish Boat Captain who we speak to most days of the week, said a few days ago he had to admit that he has no hope after death and his only peace is that there is no life after death.

Ministry/Preaching / Church work

Alec has continued through the book of Exodus with a number of encouraging words from those that have come along. Alec **let Arron speak on four Sunday evenings** while he was here on the book of Hebrews a young man who has clearly a calling of the Lord to preaching. Interestingly one Sunday evening a **Roman Catholic man from Holland** came, this caused him to get into quite a debate with Arron as to how Roman Catholic's do things. Then he came to see Alec with the board on the harbour front, only for him on the next Sunday night to come along again, although he had his own views clearly he had no peace with them.

We were blessed to have a group recently from Northern Ireland that Alec and Glyn knew from Christian Ministries over the years, they came over from Turkey to have fellowship with us, and one of the brothers Eric sung in the morning service for us.

Also this month especially for Dave Evans as he has finally sold his boat, and in November he will head off to Israel to serve the Lord there for possibly the next two years that all his fears may be calmed by the Lord.

Tracting – For all the thousands of tracts that have been put out around the cars and bikes that the ones that have been read the Lord will use for his glory.

Church work Preaching/Ministry – That Alec will remain fresh in his ministry.

Mission Board work Beaches – Please pray for all those that we have had contact with, this month, for Stanley especially that the Lord will open his eyes.

Helpers – Finished for the season. For all those that have helped this year, Arron, Paul, Marion, Olga, Brenda, Jacqui and Mark, Joel, Chris.

Prison – Please pray for the bibles that have been distributed.

Future – Our future now seems to be settled.

Alec is due to take over the Bible Exhibition organisation some time in early December, this is part of the Open Air Mission ministry.

Glyn will be looking for other work on our return.

Stephan and Mary and their family Caleb, Rebekah and Joshua are from the East Coast of America currently working with the Hellenic Ministries in Athens. Their appointment time comes to an end early next year as they feel their calling is to the islands, they have recently visited us for a week's holiday but also to see the possibilities here. They have met with Babis, Julie and Vangelis and some of the other Greek Christians.

We ask for deep prayers as to whether the Lord is truly calling them to continue the work here in Kos. Of course, our own desires must not come into God's plans.

As we close this months prayer letter, Alec again is so thankful for all the emails of sympathy concerning the death of his sister. Thank you to those who sent best wishes on our 40th wedding anniversary, sadly we are far away from our family.

now. Olga did have the opportunity to tell them her testimony, and how they can trust in the Lord. They left sceptical from what they heard, but listened well.

Olga had a long discussion with a man called Drosos who had a clothes shop close by, he asked why Olga had “Jesus Saves” on her t-shirt, and she was able to have a long conversation about things with him. But she guessed from some of the questions that he raised that some JW’s had been round and discussing things with him. Alec and Olga are going to take some books to him; he is very much into reading about things.

Olga and Glyn were visiting a local café, the waitress said that she was from Romania her name is Simone, she was open to conversation. **Olga had a LFU in Romanian**, did not say anything when she served her but she saw the booklet on the table and the words being in Romanian caught her eye. She accepted the booklet and gave us a bit hug and a kiss, said she would definitely read it.

As we write this Marion from Wirral has just arrived.

PRAYER POINTS

Greek Believers – As we come to the end of our four years here, special prayers are needed for the small group of Greek believers here, they are known as the Greek International Christian Church of Kos. Their future will surely depend on how they can handle their integration with the wider island community, especially with the summer tourists that are such an important part of the island life in the summer season. **PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL REVEAL TO THEM A WIDER MISSION FOR THE CHURCH HERE.**

Greek Newspapers – That the young man from Northern Greece (picture enclosed) who came to the Lord recently from the paper distribution, that he will find a good church and grow spiritually. Also for the current issue that is now being printed and due to be delivered.

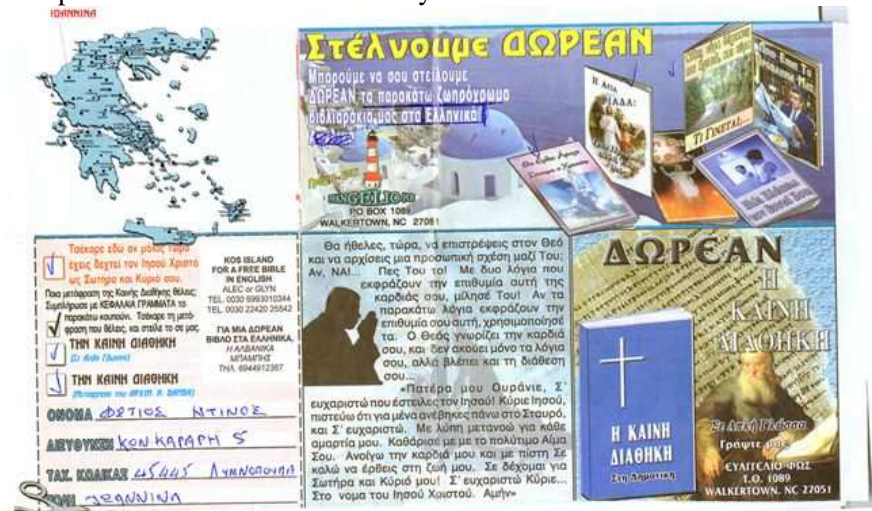
Friendship – Please pray for Olga’s niece Maria. For Saffa the Turkish boat captain, for Drossos the shop owner, for Hassan.

Greek Newspapers

As we send you this prayer letter, we are expecting to receive the next batch of **5000 newspapers**. A good proportion of these will be sent to some of the other islands, as it is cheaper to print them here rather than to have them sent from America.

Paul our helper from Colchester has just finished delivering the last batch, he had a few minor problems, one man shouted at him and thrust the paper back at him, apart from this everything went smoothly.

One great joy this month was, that Tom sent us the response page from a newspaper that he had received from a man in **Northern Greece**, which said that having read the paper he had confessed his sin, **accepted Christ as Saviour** and now wanted some further booklets such as ‘What do I do now’ and ‘How to live for Christ’. **The amazing thing is as he comes from Northern Greece** he must have received the paper from someone on the island, or he must have come to Kos for some reason. Surely the Lord does move in mysterious ways, and he does know His sheep whichever mountain side they are on.



Friendship Evangelism

We continue to meet **Anthony from Ethiopia** however we are convinced that he is not a Christian, and his friendship with us may be based upon what he can obtain from us.

Attila continues to settle in the UK, and is becoming part of **Barton Mills Free Church** being very helpful there. He regularly attends a church in Cambridge every Sunday evening and is growing spiritually. **Please pray** for him that he will obtain acceptance to the course that he so much wants to get on, which will then enable him gain work.

Maria Olga's niece was a real blessing recently having come to an evening service while Arron was preaching she seemed to be so interested in what was said then sadly after being invited the next **Friday night to have a meal** with us, only to phone up a few minutes before she was due making a silly excuse that she could not come. **This was to hurt Olga deeply.**

Brings home to us how difficult ministry is.

Angelos that we met two years ago from window screen tracting a lovely Christian in his late 60's came over for fellowship for a couple of days, a joy to have this mature brother around, Angelos and Olga went to Kalymos to see the only true Christian on the island, we are hoping as a group to go over and encourage her by taking some books.

Prison

Sadly no news.

Helpers

A busy month, **with Arron from Yorkshire**

Arron's contacts we are listing below

Yannis – spoke to him about what it really means to be born again.

Took a tract – said he would accept Greek literature if I brought some back. – Next day, took “ultimate questions” in Greek.

English waiter – took a tract, a John's gospel and an ultimate questions to read, and was thankful. I said I would come back to ask him about it, and he said that was fine.

Minko – Bulgarian with incredible testimony in the Lord Jesus. Broken English. Got to have 10 mins with an open Bible together.

Skateboarding kids – took Greek newspapers, Evolution, Resurrection and ultimate question books. Spoke with them about evolution and turned it to the Gospel, and the difference between religion and Christ.

Brian – tourist from London. Became a Muslim in prison; long history of repeat offences, described himself as “an opportunist”. **Took a tract** and said he would think about it, after I exposed some of the difficulties with the Qu'ran”

Paul continues with us, a willing worker and a good cook.

Olga continues her work here, her contacts are listed below:

Olga's contacts

Irene who sells hotel bookings approached Olga thinking that she was selling something; Olga explained to her that she was not selling anything, but giving out tracts and speaking to people about the Lord Jesus Christ. This opened up a long conversation, and she asked to have literature that Olga thought would explain things clearer for her. Olga gave her a NT, another Christian book and some tracts. She was invited to the Triton Hotel.

Pray for the whole group that are on the harbour front, as Olga continues to speak with them daily.

There was an elderly man from Kozani, Nth Greece, he asked Olga for some Christian tracts also this morning, which she gave him. His friend was from Katerini and said that he would ask his friend to go to the church there.

A young Pakistani guy sat on the bench next to me, I offered him some Urdu literature which he carefully read for quite a while. He came and thanked Olga afterwards. I promised I would bring some more literature for him the next day.

A young Romanian guy came along side Olga and asked if what I had was Christian literature, I said yes indeed, I offered him a **LFU in Romanian.** He was just praising the Lord enthusiastically. It took me by surprise that he knew I was a Christian and the literature I had told people of Jesus Christ.

A young Finnish couple stopped, and took an English PCK, they spoke good English. They came back saying they were Christians, and attended a Pentecostal Church in Finland, and wanted to know where we met on Sunday and said that they would come along and join us.

A British couple asked where the Orthodox Church was, with a lot of icons, they wanted to see what it looked like. I asked them if they were Catholic, as they asked about icons, but they said that they were not, the man said I was born in a Protestant home but I am not practicing this