

over the past two years; it has been a thrill to hear how the Lord is working in their church there, amidst so many difficult circumstances.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR DANIEL AND HIS CONGREGATION**

**As we are returning to the UK** we are preparing the power point presentation that will give a good insight into the work here for the year. If any of the churches or individuals that have supported us over the past four years, would like us to bring the presentation to you as in times past just send us an email.

Hopefully next month we should have our new UK telephone number.

**Again our thanks goes to everyone that has prayed for us over the past four years,** next month we will try and sum up the four years.

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

November 2009

Dear Friends

**First we must give thanks** for your continuing prayers of encouragement.

**There is always something seems to be going on,** one day the weather was a bit stormy so the Catamaran stopped at Kos and would not go any further, unloading all its passengers. As we packed up to leave the board, Marion got talking to a group of four Americans and found out that two of them worshipped at **Langley Virginia Baptist Church** and have recently been **on Mission to South Africa**. They were now on their way to Patmos. But as they could not travel because the boat was not to sail until later, we invited them to our house for the rest of the day until the evening. **Later in the afternoon we discovered that two of the four were not actually Christians,** I think they were as amazed as we were. Marion got talking to the lady (whose name we have forgotten) so she ended up taking an UQ and some other booklets. As they were leaving to go to the boat her husband said to Alec, 'I have been Christened and Confirmed', but you guys seem to take Christianity far more serious than us, when I get home I will have to look more into it.

**Recently as we looked at the tract table we realised that we still had 131 copies of JG,** so what better place to give them out than to go to **the island of Patmos** which we did for the day. However, o what hardened hearts there were not many people there but so many refused, from being invited to accept a free JG. One couple said when asked why they had come 'we wanted to see the history, but we do not want any of that'.

**We managed to give just 19 copies of JG at Patmos and 2 on the dockside** as we returned. One of the thrills though was that we met an **Anglican Minister from Brisbane,** when asked about his theology in conversation by Alec he said brother 'I'm a Doctrines of Grace man',

Alec's reply was 'there can be no other'. In amongst the darkness there is always light.

**Mission Board work / Tracting / Beaches** – As we have said on a number of occasions there has been a dramatic drop in the number of tourists this month. However, there have still been a number of conversations LFU and UQ have been taken in most European languages.

**Of the conversations, Diane and Nigel from Ilminster, Somerset** stood out as the deepest and most meaningful conversation. Diane years ago at college had done a dissertation on Luke's gospel, however, over the years she has not forgotten the teachings of the gospel and when they sat down on the seat where Alec gives out tracts a good conversation took place, they were both approaching 50, Diane was pondering on her return that she would have to spend £4000 on a new kitchen from B&Q, her current kitchen was adequate and yet if she had a new kitchen it would be second hand within a few weeks. Her clothes, the car, the TV all became second hand. Alec referred her to Hebrews 13 where it says that only Jesus Christ is the same and never changes, they listened very well, they accepted a JG and a SOH CD, and Diane especially said she would look into it.

**Surrey a young lady from Finland**, at first refused a tract and then when she realised it was about Christianity she came back, she seemed to have little happiness in her life and sadly her holiday would soon be over, happily she took a JG and a SOH CD.

Detling who lived near Berlin he found Christianity quite interesting but he admitted having the faith was the difficult part, he realised it was faith that was the pivotal point. He took a JG and a SOH CD.

**Regina and Saber from Holland took a SOH CD.**

**Ian and Sue were an interesting couple from Wolverhampton**, her sister had only recently become what she said a 'born again Christian' and could not stop telling her about what had happened, they had been invited to church on a number of occasions, Alec urged them to go along and see for them selves. They took a JG and SOH CD.

**Janet and her husband have been coming to Kos for many years** and Alec recognised them, he remembered that they came from Bexley Heath which gave them an interest to think that Alec was interested in them, Janet said that she had in her drawer several pieces of literature that she had received. This time Janet accepted a SOH CD.

**Friendship** – Pray for the Greek contacts, the many that have been spoken to over the four years. Especially our friend Hassen.

**Tracting** – That the Lord will bless the tens of thousands that have been given out, that even now one may be laying in a souvenir tray of someone's holiday memoirs, pray especially this month for Diane and Nigel from Ilminster.

**Church work Preaching/Ministry** – Please pray for Irene at the hotel, also for the Mormon lady that recently came to the evening service.

**Mission Board work Beaches** – As mentioned elsewhere the thousands upon thousands of tracts that have been given out.

**The Greek Believers - Please** pray for the Greek church here, Pastor Babis and his wife Marits, their three daughters and one son. For Nicos, Yanny, Vangelis and Julie, George, George and Tina plus the Bulgarian believers.

**Future** – **As we close** there is one important point we would like to bring to you for prayer, our brother Engin and his wife Neucan over in Turkey are again receiving serious threats in fact recently he has reported of being followed on a number of occasions by a white Renault in an aggressive manner. **PLEASE PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL PROTECT BOTH ENGIN AND NEUCAN.**

**Alec is due to take over the Bible Exhibition work for the Open Air Mission** and as soon as he returns in November he will immediately be involved in training in this work. **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALEC IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**Olga would appreciate everyone's prayers** as to the future direction of her ministry, as to whether she will return to Greece next year, or the Lord will lead her into another Ministry, so that her evangelistic gifts may be best used for the Lord. **PLEASE PRAY FOR OLGA.**

**Glyn returns to family life**, however, there are several ideas in her heart as to how she can be best used and that the Lord will give her guidance, especially Ministry to the elderly. **PLEASE PRAY FOR GLYN**

**We would request special prayers for Pastor Daniel Ling** and his church there in Myanmar who has been faithful prayer supporters for us

The Island of Kalymnos is our next island we have just recently heard of the only Christian on the Island a lady called Evangeline a Christian of just a few years. Totally isolated, her testimony is that she came to the Lord through witness from an American couple that rented rooms from her. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> we spent part of the day with her and her American friends that were visiting, a really wonderful time to share communion with these lovely saints. Just imagine being the only Christian on an island of about 10,000 people.

If anyone would like to write to Evangeline with encouraging words or send her any CD's or books, she speaks and understands English well. Please let us know and we will send you her address.

PLEASE PRAY FOR EVANGELINE



Evangeline and group

## PRAYER POINTS

**Greek Newspapers** that the Lord will cause the brother that came to the Lord recently to truly grow as a Christian and to find a good church. Also that the many papers that have been delivered that the Lord may use one for saving a soul.

**Simon and his wife from Sheffield** came by, they accepted a SOH CD. **Diane and Tony from Horncastle, Lincs** came into conversation, Diane had been a Christian a number of years but Tony was not particularly interested, Diane took several pieces of literature in the hope that Tony would read them.

**Iqbal a Pakistani man from Islamabad** one of the many on the island, sat on the seat and looked at the items on the book stand. He took a tract in Urdu and then asked for a UJ CD fortunately most of the Pakistani's here speak and read good English, he then took a JG. However made it clear that he was a Moslem but I do not think you could say he was practicing. He did say that he would like a bible but after taking his telephone number and offering him an Urdu copy as yet he has not turned up to collect it.

**An Australian couple from Perth stopped** for a while and left with a JG and a SOH CD.

**A Greek lady called Athena met with Marion** she had an Australian background, and seemed to have a genuine interest, Olga then took over the conversation in Greek after much discussion she took UJ CD plus other literature in English. Athena said that she would return the next day to pick up a full bible as she did not have one, but as of yet she has not come.

**STOP PRESS a day or so ago** she did return and spoke to both Marion & Olga. She seemed to have little understanding of God's word, she insisted that she paid 4 euros for the Bible she received, and she would like to talk further one to one and did not feel ready to go to church??

**Helper Marion from the Wirral spent some time with us in October. She met Como from Japan** and had a long talk to her, Como had never heard the gospel before, and Marion was able to tell her of God's love for her and God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. Como seemed appreciative of the talk and left with a JG and UJ CD.

**Two incidents happened when the proof of a lady giving** out tracts is so important, John and Carol that had a Methodist background both refused a tract from Alec, but happened to sit on a seat nearby, Marion spent a long time in conversation and when they eventually left they took a tract.

**The same occurred with a couple from Nottingham,** refusing a tract from Alec but with Marion walking after them and gaining a conversation and sharing the gospel they left with a tract.

**A few days later Marion was putting** out some tracts near a hotel in Masthari when a Greek man became very aggressive, taking some of the tracts off a window screen, tearing them up in front of Marion and throwing them in the rubbish bin. Shouting at her that Greeks will always be Orthodox, and why did she not clear off back to the UK with her own religion.

**You may remember last month we spoke about Stanley who** we have spoken to over a number of years, sadly a few days ago the relationship suddenly came to an end as Stanley came along to talk to Alec and in the conversation Alec said that outside of knowing Christ as Saviour the bible says that all men are wicked, with this Stanley started swearing and was abusive, and in fact Marion heard him 100 meters away and many others walking by. When Stanley now goes for his morning walk he avoids Alec like the plague. The truth always hurts.

**Stanley did come up and say goodbye to Alec**, no spiritual remarks made, but at least he seemed to want to part on a pleasant note.

**Ministry/Preaching / Church work.** – Sunday's continue to be encouraging even though there are fewer tourists around. One Sunday morning the singing attracted a wonderful **Christian brother and sister from Holland Casse & Anna** who were walking past in the street, only to hear the wonderful singing as they said and came into the hotel to find the T V Room. They were so thrilled with the whole service.

**On another Sunday morning a sister called Diane from Chorley**, came sadly her husband Tony is not a believer but has no objection to her going to church. Tony of course, has heard the gospel from Diane, Alec was able to speak to him after the service; it was obvious from the conversation that he realised the many differences there were between our lives and his. There was a real sense of the softening of his heart. He accepted a SOH CD, and Diane said that she would encourage him to seriously listen to it.

**On a Sunday evening an elderly Scots couple came in**, it just so happened (God's leading) that Alec was speaking from Hebrews 10 v 26 concerning wilful sin and there being no other sacrifice. A very strong message from this passage. Afterwards Marion got into conversation with the elderly lady only for her to say when asked where she worshipped, her words 'I am embarrassed to say, I go to the church of the

Latter Day Saints'. With the Roman Catholics that we have had come to the services, this is a ministry we shall surely miss.

**As we left after the last service Alec had the opportunity to talk to Irene** on the front desk of the hotel, to say good bye. Alec had seen Irene on a number of occasions around town.

Once he had spoken to her in a shop when she was swearing like mad, and had told her that it was not good to hear a lovely lady swearing, Irene never forgot. Irene has always seemed to have had an enquiring spirit and has not always appeared to have been happy with life. So Alec left her with **a Greek CD pack and a UJ CD as a gift from KCF**. She said that she would listen to them and that she would try to swear less as she knew it was not good.

**Two days ago Olga revisited the hotel to see Turak the Pakistani waiter**, sadly he was sleeping, but Irene promised that she would give the Urdo bible to him.

**Greek Newspapers** – One of our helpers Paul has delivered a further 1,000 newspapers without much incident. Just pray that the written word may find a home in someone's heart.

**Friendship Evangelism** - The girls were browsing in one of the tourist shops in Kos town and met up with the owner Drosos, Olga was wearing her T shirt with various languages of Jesus Saves on it, the first one being in Greek. Drosos asked Olga what was meant by 'Jesus Saves' I was as excited as I thought he was searching for the truth. When I tried to explain what is meant by this he asked me where are we going to live after this, and then I realised from the conversation that he had been approached by the JW's. We have visited him once again, and he tried to answer my questions that I asked the first time. PLEASE PRAY FOR DROSOS.

**Prison**– Sadly no further news on the prison.

**Helpers** – As we close this month we have been most blest to have a lovely group of Godly brothers and sisters around us. Only heaven will tell of the work that they have done. As the months come to an end we say goodbye to Paul, Marion and Olga. Literally thousands of pieces of literature have been given out by them.