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Please read below a recent update written by our teammates Nader and Ella....

For almost 18th years I have not spent Christmas with my family in the Philippines, but I just came back from visiting them! Thank you for all your prayers about our legalization problems here in Greece. It looks like Nader will be given the TEMPORARY one-year resident permit and I got the opportunity to come under his paper. People of this status were given permission to travel outside of Greece until the end of January. That gave me the chance to visit my mother and my children for one whole month! And the big news is today, Monday morning, Nader got his Iranian passport! This was the last thing he needed to do to receive the resident permit. Now we must wait about 5 months to actually get it, but we have papers certifying that we applied and are in the process to receive it.

I was excited to come back and see my friends in the Persian Fellowship. Most of the people coming to fellowship are Muslims. Before I left, the two cooks who helped to prepare foods for the Persian Fellowship were unbelievers, but Nader gave them the chance to serve God because almost all who come to the Fellowship continuously are Muslims, and they were ready to serve and help him. I was happy to hear from Nader that these two have received the Lord while I was gone. We are both praying for them that God will give them listening hearts through His Word. One of them accepted the Lord while he was cooking when Nader asked him about his faith. And the other accepted the Lord during the Thursday night prayer meeting. These two cooks opened their hearts and came to Jesus! I was happy to come back and prepare the food with them for the Persian Fellowship.

Thank you for all your prayers in supporting us in the ministry for the refugees.

Ella

There was a couple that I was counseling because of their broken relationship. In ministering to them, the man (Afghani) received and came to faith in Jesus, but his Iranian wife remains unbeliever. They have one son and the Afghani man has BIG and SERIOUS problems in their relationship. Please include them in your prayer. His name is "F"

Persian Christian Fellowship -

Last night in the Persian Fellowship, two men raised their hands to receive Jesus. One of them was an Afghan I talked to after the meeting. I asked him how he came to believe in Jesus.

He said, "When I entered Greece (in 2004), one thing I saw that touched me was the cross on top of the Greek church. That feeling was very strange to me. I came to the Persian Fellowship 2 times only. It was hard for me to understand what I was hearing from the messages. I did not come to this church again. Then I had a dream about the Lord, and came back to this place and asked you for a Bible, but my two uncles (who I live with) strictly forbade me from coming to this Fellowship again. But my uncles were not able to stop my heart's desire to know about Christianity.

For two years I have been reading that Bible you gave me. I came to know Jesus through the Bible. Last Monday, I saw a dream again. In that same dream, a man told me that I must be born again. For three days I tried to find you but I could not."

I asked him, "What will happen if your two uncles find out that you became a believer in Jesus?"

He answered me (speaking of the Judgement Day), "In that day, my uncles

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cannot save me."

Praise God for this kind of faith.

The second man was an Iranian with an Italian passport who came to visit his friend here in Athens. He said his purpose in coming to Greece was just to travel but it became more like going on a "pilgrimage".

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