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Q: Have you had any response to your appeal for investors in the book you want to publish about refugees who have come to Christ in Athens?

A: The ONLY specific positive response that I KNOW about came from our dear Chinese friends who started following Jesus over 20 years ago when we were in Austria, and now are back in their home country living for the Lord. They have offered to invest the first 20% of what we need! This REALLY touched, encouraged, and humbled me. We are trusting the Lord to bring in the rest according to His time and purpose. We hope this "devotional" style book, with 31 chapters of personal testimonies, scriptures, facts, questions for discussion/reflection, and practical action points will be used to encourage God's people about what He is doing among the nations in Athens.

Q: We are not real clear on what you, Scott, are planning to do when you return to Athens, and why. Can you help clarify this for us?

A: For 17 years I was the Team Leader of the Refugee Ministry in Athens, Greece. For 17 years I prayed for God to send someone else to take my place. 3 years ago I was finally replaced and I temporarily took on another leadership role trying to support the team leaders in a few countries, and trying (unsuccessfully) to help start a new ministry in a fourth country.

When we return to Athens in early September, I plan to re-join the Refugee Ministry team under the authority of the current Team Leader (Brett Sanner) and return to my ministry roots with a full-time focus on direct, face-to-face evangelism and discipleship of refugees. As usual, this will be done using a variety of methods and contexts to be determined with the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit and my Team Leader.

I also hope to develop a part-time focus on speaking (to whoever will listen: individuals and groups--like churches, civic groups, schools, etc., both in and beyond Greece) about the issue of human trafficking/modern slavery.

Q: Tell us more about the mission trip to Tanzania that Cody and Kyle are planning.

A: First, let me share a few excerpts from correspondence he has received from one of the Tanzanian pastors/leaders of the orphanage where they ministered...
I AM ASKING YOU TO GIVE THANKS TO THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS OF CODY, PHILIP AND LUKE WHO ALLOWED THEM TO COME TO TANZANIA FOR THE MISSION WORK OF GOD AS MISSIONARIES. I APPRECIATE AND LOVE THEM. THEIR PARENTS HAVE BLESSED MY HEART THROUGH THEIR SONS.

I LOVE THEM , WE LOVE THEM AND NEED THEM AGAIN TO COME BACK

THEIR STAY FILLED US WITH GREATER JOYS.

THE ORPHANS IN TUKUYU SENT A CALL TO ME TO TELL YOU THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS YOU MADE TO BUY RICE. THEY ALL REJOICED AND TOOK RICE TO THEIR RELATIVES. THEY WERE VERY MUCH HAPPY!

we are praying to see you again in december 2010

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS commitments with a big heavy burden to bless the AFRICANS SPIRITUALLY through your precious donations as a missionary for AFRICA SENT BY GOD, to build his house which will bring souls into the kingdom of GOD. WE ARE GREATFUL TO GOD FOR YOUR EXCELLENT BURDEN TO CARE THE ORPHANS CHILDREN THROUGH THE CHECK YOU HAVE SENT .

WE KNOW THAT GOD HAS CALLED MANY SAINTS WHO ARE READY TO SERVE JESUS BY SUPPORTING THE ORPHANS CHILDREN WHO LOST THEIR BELOVED ONES BECAUSE OF HIV AIDS. NOW MANY ARE STRUGGLING HARD SEEKING FOR HELP.

WHAT WE DO IN THE MINISTRY IS TO SUPPORT THEM THROUGH OUR OWN

CONTRIBUTIONS , WE CARE THEM BY PROVIDING FOOD THREE DAYS EVERY WEEK AND WITH TREATMENTS, IF WE HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS AND ALSO GOD TOUCHES THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE TO SUPPORT .

THEM FINANCIALLY. SOMETIMES CHILDREN SUFFERS FROM MALARIA. WE BUY THEM SCHOOL UNIFORMS, SHOES , PENS , SOAPS , SCHOOL BAGS AND EXERCISES BOOKS. WE HAVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS FOR SEWING MACHINES. WE HAVE THE CHILDREN ACCOUNT BANK WITH FOUR SIGNATORIES.

NOW I AM SENDING TO YOU THIS MESSAGE TO SHOW YOUR TEAM WORK AND SHARE OUR PROBLEMS FOR CARING THE ORPHANAGES IN THE CENTERS. WE HAVE FIVE CENTERS WITH 1,250 CHILDREN ORPHANS.

Cody and Kyle, and the group they will be going back to Tanzania with, are trying to raise another 1,500 Euros (about \$1,950 USD) each to pay their individual costs.

Together (with the rest of the group) they have ALREADY raised most of the 10,000 Euros to build a facility for the church there that has NOTHING at this point. Cody and Kyle have been working some "odd jobs" for various people while in the States, making a little money to contribute to their costs of the mission trip. However, our limited time in the U.S. and their status in Greece make it impossible for them to get "real" full-time (or part-time) jobs.

Because they are not going with a U.S.-based organization, tax-deductible donations are NOT possible. If you are interested in investing in this mission

opportunity, you can make out checks to: Scott McCracken. Please indicate with an enclosed note "Mission to Tanzania".

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE MINISTRY OF GOSPEL! GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO WORK AND LIVE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HIS KINGDOM AMONG THE NATIONS!

Grateful,

Scott and Vicki