

Subj: **Bullet Points from Athens**
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1. April 17th marks our 20 year anniversary of serving as overseas missionaries!
2. It looks like the Lord is providing for us to spend the summer in the States after all. We will have specific dates soon (after our China dates are confirmed). It looks like we will probably be BASED in Mobile, Al from June 1st for about 6 weeks, and then for another 6 weeks BASED in Eugene, OR. If God provides, we will be traveling and speaking in other places as well. If you would like us to speak at your church (missions committee, home group, Bible studies, Sunday School class, church service, etc.), let us know as soon as possible.
3. We are starting a blog about our journey to Ellie. If interested, you can follow along at the address in our footer (<http://elliebomccracken.blogspot.com/>).
By-the-way, if you have sent any donation to Lydia Fund, they do not inform us of the amount. If you would like us to know the amount, please email us to inform us. If you have given ANY amount to us through Lydia Fund we are VERY GRATEFUL.
4. We will email you again when we know exact dates for China and for the States.

We appreciate you!

Grateful,

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Web pages:

www.ITRefMin.org (click "Teams", then click "Athens")

www.iteams.org

<http://refminathens.blogspot.com> (some refugee stories)

www.geocities.com/scripturecalligraphy (purchase beautiful art and support our teammates)

www.helpinghands.gr/en/default.htm

www.helpinghands.watchmyshow.info

<http://elliebomccracken.blogspot.com/> (adoption blog)

Our ministry is striving to be a FULL-SERVICE station on this exit ramp of the Refugee Highway by partnering with churches to offer practical services which demonstrate the love of God for the refugee as a whole person, and which invite the refugee to be a part of advancing His kingdom among the nations.

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Subj: **Encouraging news/prayer requests**
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Dear Praying Friends,

Praise God as He continues to reach the nations through Athens!

1. Thursday morning a young man from Iran and a young man from Afghanistan showed up together at our ministry center. They introduced themselves as believers who had been part of the Persian church in Turkey during their stay in that country. As we listened to their story, and heard how they first came to believe in Jesus, we learned something VERY ENCOURAGING from the young Iranian man ("R"). Apparently his brother ("CH") had come through Athens some years ago, and became a believer through our ministry here. Although we have not heard from "CH" since he left Athens, he has gone on to live in England where he is currently attending an Iranian Bible School. Through communicating with his family back in Iran, he was able to share the Gospel with them and encourage them to watch some Christian programming on satellite TV. This is how "R" finally decided to put his trust in Jesus (while in Iran), and subsequently had the privilege of LEADING SEVERAL OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS TO CHRIST, who are currently following Jesus there!

Unfortunately, on Thursday evening, on his way to meet another brother of ours who had arranged a place for him to sleep that night, "R" disappeared and has not yet shown up. Nor has he contacted our Iranian staff member (Nader) whose phone number he has. Please pray that he will be able to contact us soon, please pray for his safety, for his continuing spiritual growth, and for his efforts to join his brother in England.

2. We have written to you before about "M" from Afghanistan, who lost his whole family in an earthquake in Iran, remarried and lost his wife and two children after she divorced him when he became a Christian, who had scalding hot water thrown on him by a relative the day of his baptism, and who has been beaten up for his faith a number of times by fanatic Muslims in Athens. Recently he rented a small bachelor's apartment, and after being there for only two days, returned one afternoon to find that the police had chained the doors and informed him that the man who had "rented" it to him was not the true owner, and was being taken to court so "M" would have to find somewhere else to stay.

He ended up with some Muslim Afghans who were allowing him to stay with them a few days while he tried to find another place. While with them, he discovered that they were reading the New Testament! Not wanting to reveal to them immediately that he was a believer, he began to read it with them, "discussing" their questions with them. Finally, he revealed to them his own faith in Christ and shared the Good News with them. This past Sunday one of those other men accepted Jesus as well! Please pray for his spiritual growth and that the others will come to Jesus as well.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer!

Grateful,

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