

Subj: **MORE Q & A from Scott and Vic**
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Dear Friends,

Here are some MORE commonly asked questions in these days that you may be interested to know...

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A: Cody is in his senior year of high school. He hopes to go to one year of Bible school at the Greek Bible College, and then study to be a Physician's Assistant. He has recently been invited by a missionary friend of ours to travel with him and another teen as they assist a Costa Rican evangelist on an outreach for 17 days in Tanzania this December! More details to come.

Kyle is a sophomore in high school, the tallest person in our family, and still doing well at playing the guitar and making us all laugh.

Cody and Kyle are both active in the youth group at our Greek Evangelical Church.

Will is in 6th grade, doing well in school and playing the part of Chip in this year's play "Beauty and the Beast."

Kendra is enjoying marriage and going to nursing school in Scotland. They are renting a nice house for a nice price, live in a great neighborhood, are active in a wonderful church, and allowing God to use them to bless others.

Q: In your last updates, you mentioned some of the things Scott is doing until the end of the year. Is he investing his time in anything else?

A: Scott, Pepi Pagoni (a local Greek lawyer), Dr. Arlene Chung (a local American pediatrician) and Cyndi Karnoczak (in the States) are working together to get a team from Serve The City to Athens in the spring of 2010. You can read more about Serve The City at: <http://www.servethecity.eu/>

In the spring of this year, Scott attended Part 1 of the "Hands That Heal" seminar. This is a 6-week (once a week) anti-trafficking seminar that covers everything from definitions, roots, and categories to various needs and circumstances of survivors to various

opportunities for being involved. Scott is currently attending Part 2.

November 2-6, Scott will be attending a Prayer Summit in Holland for Anti-Trafficking Prayer Ministry. If you would like to pray during that time, please see the attached Prayer Guide.

Q: Any updates on Ellie's HBOT possibilities? HOW can we give if we want to?

A: There are still people telling us they want to invest in the HyperBaric Oxygen Therapy treatments, but we do not yet know the total amount that has come in. We (Ellie and I) still plan to go to New Orleans in January 2010 for up to 6 months.

I NEGLECTED TO GIVE INFO ABOUT HOW TO GIVE IN THE PREVIOUS UPDATES. SORRY!

Here are the options for giving:

A. Send it to International Teams. Make the check out to International Teams, and enclose a note that it is for Scott and Vicki McCracken's MINISTRY account. You WILL receive a tax-deductible receipt for this, and we will request whatever EXCESS is in our account (for us it will become a taxable "special needs" amount) before coming to the States. Send to:

International Teams
411 W. River Rd.
Elgin, IL 60123-1570

B. Or...Send it to International Teams. Make out the check to International Teams, enclosing a note that it is for Scott and Vicki McCracken's PERSONAL use. You will NOT receive a tax-deductible receipt for this, and I.T. will include the amount with our monthly salary deposit.

C. Or...Send a check directly to us and we will deposit it in our bank account and use it when we need it. Obviously, you will not receive a tax-deductible receipt for this way either. Our address is:

Scott and Vicki McCracken
Panagiotou 3
Papagou 15669
Athens, GREECE

Any of these options works for us. Seems like option #1 is really the best for all concerned, but it is the EXACT SAME to us no matter which option you choose.

Thanks so much for this generous and caring demonstration of God's love for Ellie (and us) that goes about and beyond your already generous and faithful investments each month.

Q: Any good stories about what God is doing among refugees these days?

A: Yes! Here are some praise reports from one of the teams we serve. I have more to share that I will send soon...

* In April we introduced you to "Y", an Eritrean woman who had become pregnant through the worst of circumstances. First we saw her

transformed from a deeply withdrawn state to one of the most radiant women we interact with. Then she began meeting with a fellow refugee who is a pastor, along with other East African believers several months ago. She has now begun to follow Christ! At present she is in another city...and we are encouraged to hear that she has been welcomed into a community of believers, and continues to heal and grow.

* "D" and "E" are Buddhist. They arrived in our country with their two children about 18 months ago from western China. "D" was pregnant and began coming to the Moms-and-Tots program right away. They had their baby a year ago. Last Spring the couple had a bad fight, and "E" decided to take their two older children (a 10- year-old girl and a 13-year-old boy) and flee to Greece. They were captured and put in a detention center in our country. For the first month the daughter was separated from her father and brother and kept in an area with other women. "D" was desperate, but unable to visit her husband and children. She became suicidal. She turned to the Christian community she had met for help. Believers responded with several visits to the prison, bringing food, clothing, and asthma medicine for the daughter. They prayed with "D" and tried to encourage her.

About a month ago, "D" and "E" spoke to each other on the phone. "D" had been afraid to speak to her husband because of the news she had to share. After asking how he and the children were doing, she told him, "The only people who have tried to help us are Christians. They are different. I want to be a Christian too. From now on, I will follow Jesus."

He responded by telling her that he had come to the same conclusion, and would begin to follow Jesus as well!

On Sunday we heard the news that "E" and the children are supposed to be released in 3 weeks. Please pray that it really happens.

* In the Spring we shared with you about "C", an Iraqi we had been meeting with, who became a believer in March. He is doing well, and has been granted asylum in the U.S. The government here sent him to live in a satellite city until he departs for America. When he arrived in his city, he had to pay a large fine to continue to have his application move forward. He has since learned that he will have to pay an additional "overstay fine" when he leaves the country, before he is allowed to board the plane. This is common here. If a refugee is unable to pay the fine, then they cannot leave, and all the while the fine continues to increase. While we can make educated guesses based on past experience, it is impossible to learn the size of this "fine" until the refugee actually arrives at the airport to leave. "C" does not have the money to pay this second fine. We have told him that we will go to the airport with him when he leaves and help him with the fine. We expect it to be about \$1,000 USD. If you would like to join us in helping him, let us know.

Thank you so much for helping us reach the nations through Athens and beyond!

Grateful,

Scott and Vicki

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