IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT MCCRACKENS' FUTURE PLANS

December 8, 2012

Dear Praying Friends and Partners in the Gospel,

We announced a couple of months ago about our intentions to leave Greece in the summer of 2013 and return to some kind of ministry opportunity in the U.S. At the time we had no idea where or what that would be. After prayerful interaction with International Teams leadership we are making plans to join a new End Slavery team in Portland, Oregon that focuses on developing a holistic approach to addressing the problem of human trafficking. This team is in its formative stages, led by Maureen Heath, and will also provide opportunities to do ministry among refugees and immigrants in the greater Portland area (of which there are many). Details are still being worked out and we will let you know what we know as more of the plan unfolds.

U.S. Area Leader Sarah Miller says, "I am so pleased that Scott & Vicki will be joining our new team in Portland OR! Their years of faithful ministry experience and passion for refugees and human trafficking victims will be vital contributions to this team's development."

* For now, we wanted you to be aware of this direction so you can keep us in prayer as we attempt to transition well.

* Please pray for our spiritual, emotional, and financial needs. In the months ahead we will be looking at major financial investments (air tickets, shipping costs, housing, a vehicle, etc.) and major adjustments for us and our children.

* Please pray for our research efforts to find doctors, schooling, and therapies that will be helpful to Ellie.

For those of you who are part of our ministry team through your prayers and/or financial investments, WE WANT TO SAY WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU and your faithfulness in this journey. God has used you to touch so many lives for eternity!!

We hope you will be able to continue with us as we work to reach the nations through Portland AND work to abolish slavery in our generation.

Grateful for you,

Scott and Vicki

P.S. if you missed our previous announcement you can read it at: <u>http://imccracken.net/prayer-letters-knee-mails/</u> (click "McCrackens Leaving Greece (Oct. 2012)"