

Subj: **Persecution, bathrooms, and AIMS meeting update**
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Dear Friends,

In recent months, some of our friends who have found new life in Jesus are experiencing (from their fellow countrymen in Athens) constant threats, occasional beatings, and even a stabbing (non-fatal) last week. Please pray for peace, boldness, wisdom and the spirit of forgiveness for our friends. Please pray for those harassing them to find forgiveness and new life in Jesus.

On a very positive note, some local Greek Christians have helped us raise funds and renovate our shelter facility (The Nest). Previously, 30-35 residents shared one bathroom and one kitchen. Now, the families will share one kitchen and two bathrooms and the single men in the basement level will share one bathroom and one kitchen. We are very grateful for their very generous and sacrificial assistance in such a relevant and practical way.

Our first AIMS meeting went well with a good sense of unity, a deep awareness of our own insufficiency to meet the enormity of the task ahead of us, and a certainty that the Lord is bringing us to a new level of impact. Please pray for us in the coming days as we decide on curriculum and syllabus, recruit teachers, and raise funds for scholarships and a facility. Our hope is that we will be able to start up by September.

Thanks for standing with us. We need you.

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