



**Sent:** Friday, January 01, 2010 11:33 AM  
**Subject:** Happy New Year from Athens!

Dear Friends,

We pray God's best for you in 2010 and hope that it will be a year that finds you experiencing more of His active presence in your life!

Early in the morning of January 8th, Ellie and I (Scott) plan to leave Greece for the first phase of her HBOT treatments. Vicki and the boys will remain in Athens. Of the various options, we considered this one to be the least disruptive to our family. **WE DO NOT YET KNOW THE LENGTH OF TIME THESE TREATMENTS WILL TAKE BECAUSE IT WILL DEPEND ON HOW ELLIE RESPONDS**, but we should know after about the first month if she is responding well or not. If she is, we will take a required one-month break and start treatments again after that. **IF ALL GOES WELL** the whole process will take us to late May.

At that time, if God provides, we will take the summer furlough we didn't take in 2009 (because of the wedding), and Vicki and the boys will join us in the USA. If the Lord does not want us to take a furlough this year, Ellie and I will fly back to Greece.

So far God has provided all we need to go to the States and **BEGIN** the first phase of this process (i.e, the first 40 treatments, which may take one or two months, depending on if they decide to do two a day, or one a day, 5 days a week). We have the money for the first 40 treatments, a place to stay at the Ronald McDonald House in New

Orleans on weekdays (and with my parents on weekends in Mobile, AL), and as of two days ago we have a vehicle made possible by a very generous friend in Mobile.

Although this will be an adventure that will require 24/7 attention, I hope during these months to also be gathering information and resources, and preparing talks, studies, and lessons that will better prepare me when I return to "full-time" ministry that will be focused on evangelizing and discipling refugees, with a part-time devotion to raising awareness concerning modern-day slavery. I also trust that the Lord will open doors of opportunities to share His love with other parents and children staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

**YOUR PRAYERS AND/OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT ARE MORE CRITICAL TO US THAN EVER BEFORE!** Many thanks to those who already pray, give, and/or share words of encouragement with us. **WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR YOU!**

Please also continue to pray for Mr. Ali (needs to know Jesus), Dr. "S" (new believer from Pakistan), "P" and "A" co-leaders of the Persian Christian Fellowship, Nader and Ella (still awaiting asylum in Norway, and Ella's mother recently passed away), and the I.T. refugee teams (especially in Athens, Rome, and Turkey).

**THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO STAND WITH US IN REACHING THE NATIONS THROUGH ATHENS AND BEYOND.**

Grateful,

Scott and Vicki

P.S. Cody should be sending out an update this week on his trip to Tanzania

P.P.S. I will try to post regular updates concerning Ellie's HBOT treatments at: <http://elliebomccracken.blogspot.com>

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