

Dear Praying Friends,

Less than 2 weeks until our daughter Kendra's wedding where she will marry Steve Sirinides!
Thanks for your continued prayers, as there are still many details to finish.

Here is a link to a report about the refugee situation in Athens:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdw5rs7iNBM>

Many of the scenes are from the streets right where our ministry center is. Thank you for continuing to pray that we can keep reaching the nations through Athens.

Here is the most recent report from our teammates Nader and Ella...

Refugees Witnessing to Refugees

There is rejoicing in heaven when one soul gets saved. We are rejoicing with them for another soul that was added to the Kingdom! "A" is an Iranian man who came to the Lord 4 days ago. The refugees who were trained for discipleship reported to us that "A", an Iranian refugee, received the Lord.

God is using many refugees who came to the Lord in the Persian Christian Fellowship in Athens for leading others from Mohammad to Jesus. "A" has been coming to Persian Christian Fellowship, attending the Thursday Prayer Night and also to the Tea House ministry of Helping Hands. During the past years up to the present, many of those who came to faith in the Lord through this ministry in Athens, were witnessing and evangelizing refugees to refugees.

They learned how to worship the Lord, to serve each other in love, to give, to encourage and care for other refugees who were on this exit ramp of the "Refugee Highway". **Many who came to the Lord in Athens are now in many places in Europe, and they have formed their own fellowships in the countries where they found asylum. We are receiving reports from our Iranian and Afghan believers leading Christian Fellowships in other parts of the world. They found the love of God through demonstration and proclamation of the Gospel in Athens, and they continue to advance the Kingdom of God among the Muslims.** Their relationship to each other, which they learned from the truth of God's word, impacted the life of the refugees to turn their eyes to Jesus and serve Him.

Last night in our Thursday Prayer Night with the refugee believers, we had some refugee unbelievers joining with us for prayer. One of the Iranian unbelievers who was always with us in the fellowship and in prayer, told us that God answered his prayer. He said he stopped smoking already for two weeks which he cannot do normally even for one day, and that was a big encouragement to him to start a big step of decision on which to follow.

Please include him in your prayers.

We (Nader and Ella), like other refugees, are also going to take a big step of faith to seek for asylum in Norway. Please pray with us that God will provide asylum there, especially for Nader. Many of you know our situation of not having permanent residency in Greece. We are holding only a temporary legal document to stay and work in Greece. Almost for 7 months, we are not having visa on our passport. The Iranian passport that Nader was holding at the present will be expired in two years without the assurance if the Iranian authority in Iranian embassy will renew his passport, having the stamp and signed by Cyprus embassy with the mark "SPEAKING IN CHRISTIAN MEETING" for two times on his visas to Cyprus. These two visas with this remark will be a big question mark on the part of the officer of Iranian embassy that would find him difficulties as how it would be processed to pass to the Iranian government. Before Nader would find himself in such a difficult situation, we are praying that the Lord will provide asylum elsewhere.

Please pray for our next step in our future ministry. We need the Lord in our decision and we need your prayer. We just trust that the Lord will guide us and direct us in our next step.

Please pray for the 8 candidates for baptism. On the 14th of June, we are going to hold a baptism celebration for the new believers at the Glyfada beach.

Please pray with us for our new place of gathering for the believers. This Sunday, we started to come to the Second Evangelical Church, to gather the Iranian and Afghan believers in the church. The Persian Christian Fellowship in Athens where we are meeting in the Helping Hands will remain as the first place of Fellowship.

Thank you for upholding us in your prayer.

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