

**WE WANT TO WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Thanking God For His Blessings In, And Saying "Good-Bye" to, 1998...*



***Taking supplies to the refugee camp***



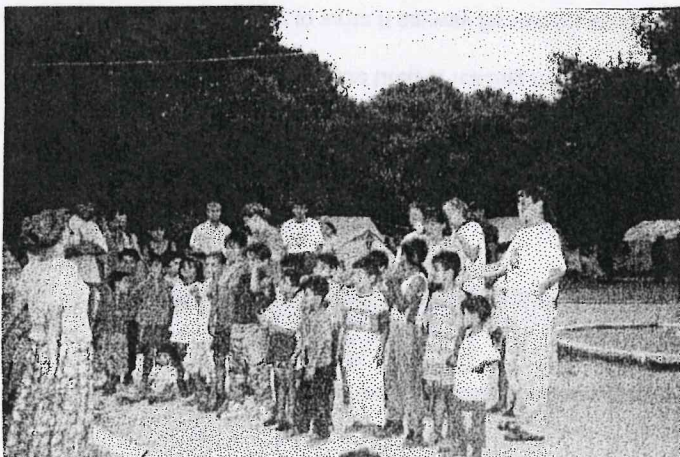
***The first members of the Athens Kurdish Fellowship***



***ILIR and ERIS, our Albanian brothers, helping serve at Soup Kitchen***



***Hundreds of homeless Kurds crowded together in a downtown square***



***Ministry to children at a refugee camp***



***Evangelistic drama presented***

# MINISTRY FACILITY UPDATE

## Another One Bites the Dust...

I hesitate to write this for two reasons:

#1—I am tired of writing about building possibilities that don't end up working out

#2—I wonder if you are tired of reading them

But I am going to write it anyway for two reasons:

#1—I believe in prayer

#2--We need prayer

The latest building we were negotiating on has joined the "graveyard" of possibilities. This is the one we had really thought was "it". We wrote fund-raising letters about it and some team members even traveled to the States to arrange fund-raising meetings for it. However, one of the two owners (after raising his portion of the sale price two or three times) now just refuses to sell at all.

In addition, the rate of the dollar has dropped SIGNIFICANTLY, and we have not been able to find anything even close to the original asking price of this most recent disappointment.

## God Is On His Throne...

Money has been raised. God is our source. *We believe He has something even better than what we thought we were going to get.*

The latest "possibility" *seems* like it would be PERFECT. The facility is actually the 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of a larger building, but these two floors have their own independent entrance. Each floor is about 4,050 sq. ft. Each floor has a restroom and balconies. They are in EXCELLENT condition and in an excellent location.

**The 2nd floor is being sold for \$191,000 USD at today's rate. The 3rd floor is being sold for \$164,000 USD at today's rate.**

The realtor's fee is about \$9,100 at today's rate.

From everything we have seen up until now (and we have seen much), this seems to be the best deal when everything is taken into consideration—the location, size, layout, condition, price, etc. The only other comparable building we've seen was twice the price.

Our vision for the second floor is to make one side a Soup Kitchen/Tea Bar/ large group activities hall. On the other side would be a storage room, kitchen, pantry, restroom, showers, and rooms for an office and classes.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor would be used for a clothing room, shelter, Bible school, library, etc., but primarily for housing homeless refugees (mostly families).

As of today, we have about **\$140,000 USD**, so we are still not there yet even for this new possibility.

***Many of you have sacrificially given financial investments for the Athens Refugee Center, and we want you to know that you are GREATLY appreciated and we will do our best to keep you regularly informed on what God is doing and what progress is being made.***

Thanks again for being a part of our team through your prayers and financial investments.

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