

Subj: **Yiannis Update and Baptisms**
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Dear Praying Friends,

So sorry for the late update on Yiannis. We have been waiting until we have specific news, and we finally have some. **YOUR PRAYERS ARE BEING HEARD BY GOD! GIVE HIM THANKS AND GLORY, AND PLEASE DO NOT STOP PRAYING YET!** The parents of Yannis have expressed heartfelt gratitude, and ask that thanksgiving and glory to God be lifted up.

Below is a statement just released by his doctor. In addition to this statement you will be interested to know a few things:

1. He has opened his eyes a few times, though cannot keep them open for long.
2. He is no longer in a "medically-induced" coma, and they have been gradually reducing the supplemental oxygen with plans to completely stop it and move him out of ICU into a normal room this Monday.
3. He had been having many problems with major organs, but they all seem to be working well now.
4. His parents have only been allowed to be with him 30-40 minutes twice a day, but moving into a normal room will allow them to stay with him as much as they like.
5. He has been able to make some effort at response to a few commands his mother gave him (i.e., "lift your right hand", "lift your left hand", "move your leg"). He cannot do everything, but he has made some responses.

Here is the doctor's latest update...

From St. Luke's clinic, about the condition of Yianni (John) Haralambides

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- > The improvement in the general condition of the patient continues.
- > The patient is off antibiotics and we foresee that in short order the
- > respiratory system will function independently. The functioning of
- > the digestive system has been almost completely restored and the
- > patient is taking more complete nourishment, for the time being, via
- > the gastronomy. The kidneys function satisfactorily, without support.
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- > Regarding the nervous system, the signs for optimistic developments
- > increase, without this being a certainty, and without the possibility
- > of making predictions regarding time.
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- > Thessaloniki July 28, 2008
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- > Demosthenes Katsarkas, M.D.
- > Pathologist
- > Director, St. Luke's clinic

Secondly, you will find a few photos attached of a baptism held on Friday. Former Muslims from Iran, Afghanistan, and Kurdistan were represented. Here

a few comments by Athens RefMin teammate Brett Sanner...

"Six baptisms took place today.

Please pray for the new believer's safety. It is not uncommon for families to reject those who come to Christ. We have seen this become violent in the past. Please pray for God's protection over these young believers. Already one man was told by his family (who are still in Central Asia) never to return home, because they could not accept him as a follower of Jesus.

Please pray that their faith matures and blossoms. Many of these new believers will not be in Greece for much longer. Pray that they will find strong, believing church communities in whatever countries they find themselves. Please pray that God would raise these young men up into quality spiritual leaders, who will have an influence for the Kingdom in their home cultures.

Please join us in praying for God's continued movement among people from this part of the world (Central and Western Asia)!"

THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US THROUGH YOUR PRAYERFUL AND/OR FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS IN THIS MINISTRY! WE THANK GOD FOR YOU!

Grateful,

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