

May 1, 2012

Dear Friends,

Thanks for standing with us in prayer as we disciple the nations through Athens! Here are two prayer requests to ADD to the others we have recently sent:

1. We will be in need of a vehicle for our family's use while in Mobile June 1st through July 23rd, and while in Oregon July 24th through Sept. 15th. Even vehicles that can be used for at least PART of the time will be helpful. Will need a trunk or space big enough for Ellie's wheelchair to fit.

2. This past week I had a refugee friend stay with me while Vicki was out of town. In spite of only having a second-grade education, "J" is one of the intellectually and spiritually "sharpest" refugees I have met in 25 years. He is hungry, learns quickly, is observant and discerning, humble, with teaching and leadership gifts. He has only been ("officially") following Jesus for about 4 months but this was after about 10 years of limited opportunities to study and talk with others about Him.

"J" will be baptized on Saturday. He really has no hope of getting asylum anywhere in Europe and is starting to consider going back to his wife and one-year-old son, and moving to the country of his birth (he was born in Afghanistan but grew up in a refugee family in Iran). I mentioned to him about the danger of being a follower of Jesus there.

His reply: "I am not as worried about losing my life for the sake of the Gospel as I am about not being well-prepared with a good foundation to share God's Word when I return."

Please pray that for whatever time "J" has left in Greece that those of us who are investing in him will be sensitive, strategic, and faithful. Please pray for his growth in Christ, for his family's salvation (parents, wife, child, and 8 brothers and sisters) and for "J" to be used by God to bring other Muslims to Jesus. ("J" is already actively translating at various Bible studies and evangelistic programs, helping with the children's ministry at Helping Hands, and eagerly attending as many Bible studies and learning opportunities as he can).

He dreams of getting a formal education somewhere some day, but I am encouraging him to remember that education comes in many different ways and that the most important education is to spend time with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

Thanks again for your support. We value your participation in the ministry of the Gospel.

Grateful,

Scott and Vicki

--

Scott & Vicki McCracken
scott.mccracken@iteams.org

[Video Promo for book
"Kingdom Beyond Borders"
Family/Ministry Website](#)
[Ellie's Blog](#)
[Refugee Testimonies](#)