

Subj: **Baptisms, Ellie, and Christmas**
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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your prayers regarding the following...

1. Last Sunday I had the joy of witnessing some refugees from Kurdistan, Iran, and Afghanistan share their testimonies and get baptized by the Persian Christian Fellowship on a gorgeous day in the sea! Please pray for their protection and growth in Christ.

2. God has provided the funding for the first phase of Ellie's HyperBaric Oxygen Therapy! Ellie and I plan to depart for Mobile, AL on January 8th to give her a little time to get over jet lag before traveling to New Orleans where she will undergo treatments (you can read more about the clinic at www.hbot.com). We plan to stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

The only MAJOR thing that has not yet been worked out is a car (or various cars) for the 6 MONTHS we plan to be there. We are hoping for a loaner (or more than one if one for the whole time cannot be found), or the possibility of renting a car for part of the time and a loaner/loaners for the other part. Please pray about this.

A couple weeks ago we had some international friends over to have a time of fellowship and prayer for Ellie. There were also some present who don't necessarily consider themselves "believers" but they were all dear friends who have expressed love and concern for Ellie in various ways. Countries represented in our home that night included: Kenya, Nigeria, Seychelles, India, Italy, Denmark, Peru, Greece, Sudan, Pakistan, the U.S., and the Philippines. The only thing I am kicking myself about is that we FORGOT to take pictures while everyone was here! We are so blessed to have so many special and loving friends from around the world.

3. The Athens team is busy preparing for their annual Christmas Outreach. They will have three Christmas dinners:
Monday night is for Arabic-speaking men
Friday night is for Greek-speaking (mixed nationalities)
Saturday night is for Farsi-speaking families

The great news is that 3 different Greek churches will be helping pay, cook, clean, and serve at each of these events! And one of them is preparing 120 boxes of Christmas gifts as well! Please pray that the Gospel will be clearly shared and understood at these outreaches.

That's it for now. Cody is on his mission trip to Tanzania. He left Wednesday and though we haven't heard directly from him since then, we trust the Lord is working in and through him. Thanks for your prayers for him and the team there. We will send out a report after his return on the 18th.

Grateful for you and your part in reaching the nations through Athens and beyond,

Scott and Vicki

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