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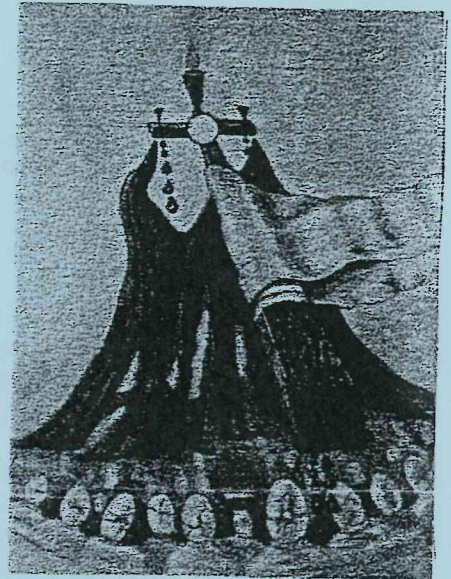
Steps To Death Lead To Second Chance

Normally, we do not have any programs on that night but it happened that for the first time ever we gave a ministry presentation to a church group from our small rented facility instead of at their own church.

Natalia, one of our volunteers from Russia, did not even know about the program that night, but was out on the streets window-shopping when one of our Albanian volunteers saw her and invited her to join us for the evening.

Olga, a Russian immigrant woman, had suffered so much pain and despair in her life that she decided to end it all by committing suicide. Her search for a high roof to jump from led her to the building we were meeting in. The singing in our meeting led her to pause on our floor and listen.

While sobbing deeply and shedding bitter tears, she told her story (in Russian) to Natalia. Although Olga did not pray to trust in Christ that night, she did let Natalia pray for her. She also took a Bible and some literature and decided not to take her life. PLEASE PRAY FOR OLGA TO FIND NEW LIFE IN JESUS.



A Picture Worth A Thousand Words...

Ishmael is a Kurdish artist who has been attending our various ministries in the last few months. Recently he showed us some pictures he had painted. One of them was a symbolic abstract. When asked to explain its meaning, he replied, *"The cross represents the death of Jesus and the black cape connected to it represents the sin of the world. The holes in the cape represent those who believe in Jesus and have their sins taken away. The round white circle at the head of the cross represents the purity of Christ, the candle at the top is because Jesus is the light of the world. The blood dripping from the bottom and the ends of the crossbeam are causing those at the bottom to experience "new birth" as they are born again into God's family. The book represents the Bible, God's Word, and the different shapes at the bottom of the painting represent the different areas of people's lives because God's salvation affects all areas of our life."* When he was finished explaining, I asked this "Muslim" man who has been coming to our programs for months now if he believed what he had painted. His answer, *"I not only know it in my head, but I also believe it in my heart."*

The "Lost Coin" Ministry...

One of the newest outreach ministries the Lord is leading our team into is the opportunity to share His love with the **prostitutes** in Athens (many of whom are foreigners).

The following is a condensed report of the first night out, after some weeks of laying a foundation of prayer:

...One group got to talk to an **Albanian prostitute** and she requested a Bible in her language - she was very warm and told them where they could find her next week. They also had one other contact and that person was very receptive. They really felt that the Lord paved the way. The next group came in contact with a girl named **Marianna**. A year ago, one of the 2 girls from our team had talked to her about the Lord, but didn't remember her well. Marianna did remember our team mate though. She told her that she has been waiting to see her again for a year - and after some discussion ...she accepted Jesus into her life!! The Lord had been preparing her for this ministry for a year - and she had been waiting for us to come and tell her how to accept Jesus. He is so amazing!

Some even communicated that they hoped to see us again some time. We pray that each week they will watch for the girls with the baskets (of cookies, tea, and tracts) and taste the Living Water - Jesus.

Athens Team Welcomes Newest Members...

God has not only been blessing our team with growth in size, but he has also added real quality people to help us in the work here. We want to

thank everyone who has been praying for laborers to join us in the harvest. **We now have 14 adults and 7 1/2 children.** This summer we hope to be joined by another family with 4 children.

In our last letter we told you about **Halmat and ILIR, our Kurdish and Albanian brothers.** Although we are still waiting for God to raise up people interested in investing in these **men of God**, they have officially joined our team and are already proving to be invaluable assets to both our team life and ministry.



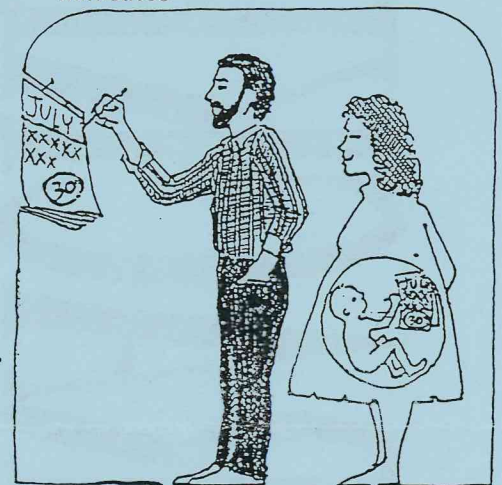
Up until the writing of this letter there has been only one couple express an interest in praying about helping support them. Meanwhile, we are struggling as a team to help them the best we can.



Should the Lord lay it on your heart (or someone you know) to help in this way, please make out your checks to International Teams and clearly indicate that your gift is for the **Greece National Workers** fund.

Prayer Requests...

- * **C**ountdown to due date (July 30th) for the McCracken baby; pray for safe and healthy delivery
- * **A**ll the finances and wisdom needed to purchase the ministry facility
- * **L**ove and **U**NITY on our very diverse and growing team
- * **L**istening hearts that we may hear the voice of God for our lives and ministries



- * **G**ood experience for the **6** Summer Servants from the USA, working with us the whole month of June
- * **O**pen minds and open hearts among the Greeks as racism and xenophobia is reaching fever pitch in these days, even infecting the Church
- * **D**aily growth for the new believers who have come to Christ in the last few months (several Russians and Kurds)