

MCCRACKEN MEMO

GOOD NEWS & BAD NEWS...

ANSWERS TO PRAYER...

- The Lord has finally allowed us to open a Medical Clinic! Right now it is only open on Sunday afternoons with one doctor, but if all the doctors who have committed time and equipment follow through we hope to be open much more often and minister to many more people in the near future.
- William is back at the British School where he has been improving so much over the last year and a half! We are trusting the Lord to bring in the rest of his tuition so he can stay the whole year.
- We arrived safely back in Greece and we are re-adjusting well to life and ministry in Athens.

In **15 years** of living in Athens, we have faced numerous challenges in securing any kind of "long-term" **residency status**. 3 years ago a new law was introduced that allowed people of our situation to apply for a ONE YEAR resident permit (this would be considered "long-term" to us), so we embarked upon the long, expensive, and complicated process of applying. To make a long story short...**we finally received our permits this summer!** As far as I know we are the first and only ones (of our situation) to receive resident permits in this way. We know of others who have been denied and others who are still waiting. The ironic thing is that the permits are good for one year FROM THE TIME YOU MADE YOUR LAST APPLICATION. So we need to start the renewal process NEXT MONTH. :) Anyhow, we are encouraged and know that we will be here as long as God wants us here, no matter what. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS REGARDING OUR RESIDENCY ISSUES.**



Most current Team photo
Missing from photo: Irini and her two children, Giorgos & Daphne

On the other hand, we have two Iranian friends/co-workers who have just received their **final answers** to their appeals for asylum in Greece. Nader (and consequently, his wife Ella) were given their **rejection** notice last month, with the notification that they must leave the country within 3 months. Sahar, who has worked on our team with us for the last 3 1/2 years (but recently transitioned off our

team to work more directly with her local church) was just given her **rejection** notice yesterday. There is much confusion, many tears, and a great need for revelation from God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR IRANIAN BROTHER AND SISTER, AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS THEY SEEK GOD'S DIRECTION AND PROVISION FOR THEM.

Financial Investments should be made out to **International Teams**, designated for Scott & Vicki McCracken, and sent to:

International Teams
411 W. River Rd.
Elgin, IL 60123

A CHANGED LIFE... "DAVID'S" STORY...

As a young man in Afghanistan, I knew something about Jesus. Like other Muslims, I thought He was a special prophet and an amazing person. I respected Him but I didn't believe that He was God.

Gradually, my interest in

Jesus grew and my ideas changed. **This began when I had a dream about Jesus.** I'd been thinking about my future, and told my parents that I wanted to change my religion and leave Afghanistan. **They told me I was crazy. I had been a**

very religious Muslim so they couldn't understand my change of heart.

Then I had a second dream: I dreamt that I left Afghanistan, converted to Christianity, and was being baptized in the sea.