

Christmas Outreach...

We had our **Children's Christmas Outreach** on the 3rd of December. We had invited the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greece to come and do a presentation of the Gospel that was geared towards children. They did a good job considering that we had about **175 kids**, plus their mothers, and a few fathers. It was a busy busy night, and at the end of it the children (and some of their parents) we were able to **hear the Gospel** and we gave the kids each a **gift** containing school supplies, a warm scarf, cap, and mittens. On December 9th, we hosted an **appreciation dinner** for about **60** of our local **volunteers**. It was encouraging to see how many more Greeks were part of our ministry team this year. Thanks to Integrity Music and Wyn Amerlan, we were able to give each volunteer a few worship CD's and a 2006/2007

agenda. Our "Volunteer of the Year" was our dear brother Eddy from Cameroon.

Then on December 17th we had a **Christmas party** for the refugees who don't have families here in Athens. There were 3 Greek Evangelical churches that sent groups who paid for the food, cooked, sang, served the food, and helped clean up



afterward. There were two **testimonies** (one in English and Farsi, the other in Greek and Arabic). Also, Nader and Scott did a short skit that told the Gospel very simply and powerfully. At the end of the night we were able to give out **gift packages** full of toiletries, as well as a **sleeping bag** to each person. It was a wonderful night and everyone enjoyed the decorations, the food, and the program.

THANK YOU to everyone who prayerfully and/or financially invested in our efforts to share the true meaning of Christmas with the nations in Athens.

Kendra's Mission Trip to Peru

As of this writing, generous people like you have provided over half of what Kendra needs to go on the Brio missions trip to Peru this summer. If you would like more details about this, please e-mail us or visit the web site www.bigworld.org for more information.

ONE IMPORTANT CORRECTION WE MUST MENTION regarding the previous information we sent out by e-mail. Big World Ventures has just told us that it will **NOT** be necessary for people to send their checks to us in Greece. **ANYONE INTERESTED IN MAKING A FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN KENDRA'S MISSION TRIP** can make the check out to: Big World Ventures, with an **ENCLOSED NOTE** indicating that the investment is designated for Kendra McCracken. Please

DO NOT write Kendra's name anywhere on the check. Checks can be sent **DIRECTLY** to: Big World Ventures, P.O. 703203, Tulsa, OK 74170-3203. Thank you to all who are prayerfully and/or financially investing in this life-changing opportunity for her. Kendra wrote, "Ministry activities will include drama, visiting orphanages, soup kitchen, visits to schools, work projects, and evangelizing.

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Roughly 850 people go on this trip every year.

You might be wondering, "Why on earth should a missionary kid (MK) already living on the mission field in Greece go all the way to Peru on a missions trip?" Many people think of MK's as already being out of their "comfort zone". However, we tend to make our current situation into another comfort zone.

One of the main reasons I'd like to go on this trip is to help me get out of that comfort zone again. I realize that a true life change isn't limited to two weeks, but I hope and pray that it will be the start of something that I'll continue to have once the trip is over. I'd also really like to brush up on my skills at sharing my faith. I'm not a very open

Mark Powell

And last, but not least, an update on my brother-in-law, Mark Powell, for whom many of you have been praying in his battle against cancer. In **May of 2005**, he reported, "We visited the oncologist for our 'after surgery consultation' last week and he said, "**NO NEED TO DO THE LAST ROUND OF CHEMO. YOUR PATHOLOGY REPORT IS TOTALLY CLEAR. THE CHEMO AND RADIATION TREATMENTS TOTALLY KILLED THE CANCER.**"

However, in **November 2005**, he wrote, "Just got word back from my CT and Pet

Scans that there seems to be **more cancer** in a lymph node in my chest...the consensus is more radiation and chemo. All of the doctors felt that this is a systemic issue so just taking out the lymph node would not handle the entire cause."

Today, I received a message from him **filled with HOPE** in the Lord and gratitude for the Lord's people. Please continue to pray for him and his family as they continue together in this battle.



Chad, Chelsea, Corey, Dana, Mark