
★ McCracken Memo ★

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"OH COME LET US ADORE HIM... CHRIST THE LORD!"

Holiday greetings from Greece to you!! We hope that your holidays are filled with the blessings of God and many happy memories for you and your family!

Vicki's brother (Jon) and his wife (Kelli) recently paid us a visit and suggested that they provide an interview format for this letter to answer all the **burning issues** that YOU are wanting to know about. What follows is an edited version...

KELLI: What's happening in the ministry here?

SCOTT: Too much to tell in one letter. However, a couple of things would include... Paul, a young Kenyan man and brother of Anne (who came to Christ through this ministry 3 years ago), accepted Christ and was baptized just a few weeks after coming to Athens... Our **I**nternational **B**elievers **F**ellowship is growing both in quality and quantity as the power of God is being poured out in a number of different ways (we will, Lord willing, begin a **SECOND IBF** in January)... The leadership training continues and has led to the attempt of me and the Filipino leaders to help about 100 Filipinos start **ANOTHER** Filipino Fellowship on one of the Greek islands... Shall I go on?

JON: What's happening with the "coffee house" ministry here?

SCOTT: We don't have a "coffee house" ministry here YET, Jon, but it is something we are praying about.

KELLI: What's going on in your FAMILY life?

VICKI: Kendra's growing tall and is a smart 4-year-old. She loves to sing, dance, and act as well as pretend and play with her little brother. 20-month-old Cody adores his big sister, following her everywhere and mimicking everything she does. While not very talkative yet, he is very happy and extremely expressive with his smiles, grunts, whines, laughs, and other body language. The baby in my tummy continues to grow in size and activity. I'm anxious for January to come! We're loving the time with our visiting family members and looking forward to more (and any others who want to come visit).

JON: How did you become interested in working with Campus Crusade?

SCOTT: We DON'T work with Campus Crusade, Jon, but they have helped provide most of the videos we have on the life of Jesus in a dozen different languages.

KELLI: What are some of your specific family needs?

VICKI: There are basically 3 needs right now that we are looking at: #1--our car either needs some serious healing or some expensive repair work; #2--Kendra is at the age and mindset where we would like to be able to let her go to a Greek preschool. However, that costs about \$150/month that we don't have; #3--our new baby coming in January will give us new challenges to face. Please pray for a healthy baby and a smooth delivery.

JON: Do you guys get a chance to visit the Vatican very often since you moved here?

SCOTT: No, Jon, we DON'T because the Vatican is in Italy. We live in Greece, which is Greek Orthodox.

KELLI: What are some current and upcoming prayer needs in your ministry?

SCOTT: Please pray that Paul would find a steady job and grow in his new faith. Please pray for his sister Anne and her 4 children (who have also come to Christ through this ministry) as they face some serious financial and family problems. Please pray for **HELPING HANDS** to be approved by the courts soon (the paperwork is being processed now in the legal system, which can take a very L-O-N-G time). Please pray for the Christmas program we are planning to have in our home on Christmas Eve for Christian and non-Christian refugees. Please pray for Dity (from Albania) and Dawood (from Iraq) who are facing immigration problems. Please pray for Charity (from Nigeria) who is seeking the Lord's will for him concerning "fulltime" occupational ministry. Please pray for the Albanian Bible study that we just started last week. Please pray for...

JON: Shall we continue to pray that your work in the Greek Orthodox Church will be really effective?

SCOTT: Uh, Jon, that would be nice but we DON'T work in the Greek Orthodox Church. We work with REFUGEES and ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS in Athens.

KELLI: What is the most difficult thing about the work you do?

VICKI & SCOTT: We both agree that the hardest thing, by far, is being such a great distance away from the friends and family that we love so much. Otherwise, it's a piece of cake.

KELLI: Is there anything else you'd like to tell us that you think we need to know?

SCOTT & VICKI: We love and appreciate more than we can possibly express all the people who so lovingly and sacrificially give and pray for the support of this very strategic ministry. You are often in our thoughts and prayers as we remember you with thanksgiving. God bless you all in this holiday season.