

Dr. Joseph's Family Update

February 15, 2013

First of all, a HUGE thanks from us AND Dr. Joseph for the AMAZING response of prayers, praise, encouragement, and financial gifts!!!! WE THANK GOD FOR YOU!!!!

Secondly, in order to make a safe and secure way for his wife and children to get to the airport and out of the country their departure had to be delayed from Saturday the 16th to **Wednesday the 27th**. Thank you for continuing to pray for their SAFE departure and long journey.

Thirdly, Dr. Joseph's wife does not yet know that he is a follower of Jesus. After all she has been through in their 4-year separation he was afraid that telling her would lead her to divorce him (as has happened to other MBB refugees we have known). His plan is to slowly expose her to Christ through taking her to church meetings and Bible classes he is part of here, spending time together with believers here, and WAITING for her to ask him if he is a Christian. When she asks, he will be completely honest with her, but is concerned that if he breaks the news too quickly she will not react in a positive and healthy way. He is absolutely convinced that in time she will embrace Jesus, but asks all of us to join in praying for her salvation.

Fourthly, the political party that sponsors the nursing home where he has been living and providing his medical services (in exchange for room and board) also owns a house that was donated to the party by a Greek resident of the nursing home. Dr. Joseph and his family will be allowed to stay there until they become self-sufficient and can get their own place.

Finally (for today), Dr. Joseph's hope is to eventually move to another country that provides a better social, educational, and economic opportunity for raising his family than Greece. He is willing to work at ANYTHING (even a job way below his skills). The situation here is (in so many ways) darker and darker every day. The Nazi party (Golden Dawn) is gaining popularity, attacks on foreigners in broad daylight are more problematic, the police are harassing refugees/immigrants whether they have proper papers or not (even today Dr. Joseph was almost hauled off to jail in spite of the fact that he had proper ID and permission to be here--another policeman intervened and he was set free), unemployment (among Greeks) is around 30%, etc., etc. Thank you for your continued prayers for their relationship with Christ and their future in a better country.

There are more prayer requests (for them and for others) but we will share those on another day.

THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US AND HELPING US TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS TO THE NATIONS THROUGH ATHENS!!!!

Grateful,

Scott and Vicki