

# Dr. Joseph Update--Oct. 2012

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Dear Friends,

First of all, the amazing outpouring of encouragement that so many recently communicated regarding their prayers for Dr. Joseph was GREATLY appreciated by him (and by us). I shared most of your notes with him. THANK YOU!

Early yesterday morning, he received a call from his wife. Unfortunately, she was hysterically screaming the whole time, not allowing him to speak, accusing him of abandoning her and the children while he enjoys the good life of Europe and has sex with other women. She also accused him of lying to her about applying for family reunification because how could it really take this long, and what kind of a fool does he think she is. "These are YOUR children you left me with--YOU come take care of them!"

Apparently her family members are really putting the pressure on her to divorce him and give up waiting (it is almost 4 years now), and telling lies, such as: they have contacted the ambassador at the Greek embassy in Pakistan and he claims that he is more than happy to grant a visa for family reunification if only Dr. Joseph would send the application for it. (Someone is lying--either the ambassador or the wife's family, because I have seen the approved Greek copy of it. All it needs is the ambassador's signature so he can give the visas for them to travel).

The ambassador has also written a letter to the Greek foreign ministry in Athens requesting Dr. Joseph's asylum to be revoked. The lawyers Dr. J has talked to (in and out of Greece) have all claimed that the ambassador's actions are unethical, possibly illegal, and completely outside the realm of his authority. But nobody knows what to do about it.

Some friends in Pakistan have recommended to Dr. Joseph that if he could get his wife and kids to a country outside of Pakistan that does not require a visa for Pakistanis (such as Nepal or the U.A.E.), he could go visit them, spend a month with them, reassure his wife of his love and commitment, and possibly save the marriage. Of course, to fly him and his family there, rent a place for a month, and other living expenses would easily cost \$7,000 so it is really not a possibility at this point.

While we were meeting yesterday he received a call from a Greek man who is part of a political party here in Greece that has some connections. He told Dr. J that he had just spoken to some people in the government and they promised that they were going to try and do something to help.

Additionally, a mutual friend of ours (a sister in Christ) has come into contact with Amnesty International and is trying to get them involved.

Dr. Joseph is so depressed and down, unable to really think of much else or do anything productive because he is so confused and helpless and tired, etc. But he is hanging on to God.

Thank you for your prayers.

Grateful,

Scott