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May/June 2013 Update from the McCrackens

...Looking Back at May Looking Ahead to June...

Packing and Shipping

We are so grateful for the generous donations that came in to help us pay our first installment to the shippers who will come for our things on June 25th (when the second installment is due). As we wait to see how God will provide, our house is filling up with boxes as we prepare to empty it of stuff. **IF** God leads you to be a part of helping with this need, **you can give online at:**

<https://www.teams.org/us/give/>

Or if you prefer to write a check you can make it out to **International Teams**, and send it to: International Teams, 411 W. River Rd., Elgin, IL. 60123-1570. Please enclose a note indicating "Scott and Vicki McCracken's shipping expenses".



Parenting Seminar

Apparently, this is the first generation in post-communist Albania to get good Biblical instruction on parenting.

There was good attendance, and there were good questions with quick application, both during the nightly meetings at the church and the overnight retreat. Thanks for your prayers



Community Group Retreat

Our entire Community Group (including Dr. Joseph's family for most of it) spent a night and a whole day together at AMG's CosmoVision Center eating, praying, talking, relaxing, playing, singing, studying Matthew 7, sleeping, and initiating new members into the "Hooga Booga" club. It was a wonderful and emotional way to



More "Lasts" in Athens

I preached my last message at St. Andrew's and they had a special time of prayer for our family. We finished the last "Marriage Class", the last "Leadership Class", and the last "Teacher Training" class. We closed down "The Incubator" and the three guys living in our

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...during that time and for you
continued prayers as these
young parents strive to raise
their children in ways that
reflect their Heavenly Father's
parenting.

...spend our final corporate time
together. Thank you for praying
that they will continue to
experience real fellowship
together.

...building moved on, grateful
**for the experience that
many of you made possible
for their "life discipleship"
with us for 7 months.**



June Activities...

This month sees us preaching our last sermons in Athens at the Glyfada Christian Center and at the Eritrean Evangelical Church. "Last suppers" with several friends (just yesterday Scott had a Syrian lunch and we both had a South African dinner). Kendra and Steve come tonight for a last vacation all together in Greece. Sorting, selling, giving away, delivering, packing, and shipping our various items collected over 26 years are a major focus of June. And saying good-bye to dear friends and this chapter of the amazing journey that God is writing in our lives. **THANK YOU** to all of you who have been such a **VITAL** part of many lives changed for eternity.



CLARIFICATION!!!

Either some of you are not getting our updates or not reading them.

If you need to catch up, you can visit mccracken.net and click: "Prayer Letters/Knee-mails".

We WILL continue to work with International Teams on its End Slavery team in Portland, Oregon.

We WILL continue to trust God to meet our financial support needs.

We DO hope that you can continue to partner with us.

We WILL ALSO be starting a new ministry to refugees and immigrants in Portland.

**THANK YOU FOR
CONTINUING TO
FINANCIALLY SUPPORT
AND/OR PRAY FOR US!**



What Are We Leaving Behind?

Only God fully knows (and eternity may reveal) what the results were of the 3 years in Austria and the 23 years in Greece. There was probably fruit we haven't seen. There was certainly fruit we have seen (in fact, too much to mention right now). Here are a few examples: refugees from all over the world sharing Christ in countries all over the world, refugees in Athens sharing Christ in Athens, 4 different teams ministries in Athens, several ministries focusing on helping refugees (we were the first), The Oasis ministry continuing in Austria, ministries to refugees and homeless people in different churches around Greece, Europe, and North America, and many other examples. To God be the glory for all He has done through His people in Athens and abroad!

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