

Dear Friends,

Since Athens team members, and new in-laws, Themis and Donna Sirinides said everything in their recent update that we were planning to say in ours, I will just copy and pasted a slightly edited version of their recent "knee-mail"...

PRAISE/PRAYER: the wedding of Stephen and Kendra came and went fast! It was the first time in 21 years that we were together with both our sets of parents. In addition to our parents being here for 2 weeks, my sister Dana and her husband Mark were here for 10 days, our nephew and niece Jason and Jessica Bilderback were able to come from Seattle, and our cousin Rachelle Miller came from Denmark right after the wedding.

Stephen and Kendra are back in Scotland. Please pray for Kendra's papers in the UK. Life lived in a third culture (born in one country, raised in another and citizen of another country) can be complicated. You can view pictures of the wedding here:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/mccrack7/KendraSWedding?authkey=Gv1sRgCPmglOXI-8OPHw#>

There are more pictures coming, but these are the best of what we have so far. The professional ones were taken by our good friend Jamie Carlson.

PRAISE/PRAYER: in June we had another baptism. Eight new believers publicly shared their testimonies before being baptized. It was special to see a whole family - father, mother and son - being baptized together. The wife shared that in Afghanistan they had money and a nice home but no joy, no peace. Now they have almost nothing materially but have found their joy in Jesus. The husband shared that he had been a very angry man but that now he has peace. The man we now see is a loving, caring, husband and father and that was not always the case. Their son, who was also baptized, told how his father has read the Bible to him and taught him about Jesus. Please pray for all the new believers

CHANGES/PRAYER: The police have stepped up sweeps of "irregular immigrants" - ones that don't have proper documentation. These refugees are then bussed to detention centers where eventually they will be repatriated. This has brought the numbers down at all our events at the ARC- a big change from feeding 800 two months ago. Pray for wisdom and discernment in following God, as we always need to be flexible and willing to change with the conditions.

CHANGES/PRAYER: starting July 1st there will be a new Team Leader on the Athens Team. The outgoing leadership has chosen to pass the baton to the next generation of younger leaders. Pray that the transition will go smoothly as everyone adjusts to the new roles.

Additionally, I (Scott) have announced the resignation of my current role (effective the end of the year). I am still seeking God about exactly what is next, but I believe it includes a return to my "ministry roots" (i.e., frontline, face-to-face evangelism and discipleship with refugees). I am also praying about how the Lord may want to use me in ministering to those held in literal captivity through human trafficking.

Thank you for your prayers and investments in our ministry. We are truly grateful for you.

Grateful,

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