

Dear Friends,

Here are a few "snapshots" of news to rejoice in and needs to pray about in our life and ministry:

1. As previously announced, Kendra is now engaged to be married to Steve Sirinides!

The wedding date has been set for June 13, 2009! Steve's parents are dear friends of ours as their family has been on our team in Athens for a long time, and we are thrilled about the way God has brought them (and us) closer together over the years. They will live in Scotland where Steve will finish his last year of university and Kendra will start nursing school in the fall.

2. In addition to currently serving the Team Leaders of refugee ministries in 3 different countries (and working on the possibility of a fourth), Scott is having a regular Bible study with a friend from Sudan, doing some leadership training locally, preaching and teaching in some international churches in Athens, and has just started a 120-hour course on getting certified to Teach English as a Foreign Language (including Business English).

3. Here are a few excerpts from Athens team members (the Morleys and the Mohajers)...

FROM GREECE...

...The father of an Afghani family has become a Christian but his wife was not a believer (even though she attended Persian Fellowship with her husband and two little ones). Last night we learned that she had told her husband this week that she believed and she prayed with him to accept Jesus! She is coming to Fellowship this week to make a public confession of faith.

The second story is a wonderful example of how God can take something that seems negative and turn it into something for His glory. Last Friday Kent and our friend "P" went with two refugee men--"H" (a Kurdish man from Kent's English class, not yet a believer) and "KH" (a Persian believer)-- to visit the camps where many refugees live. They wanted to take Bibles and some needed items to the men there, and to share Jesus with them. Shortly after they arrived, the Police came and took all four of them to the Police Station. "P" has legal papers and of course Kent has a resident permit so they were let go. The other two men were put in jail --to us a problem but to God an opportunity. Since they have had nothing else to do "KH" has spent the time witnessing to "H" and teaching him about the Bible. Interestingly enough when they were arrested they had one Bible left and it was in Kurdish!! "P" spoke to them on the phone yesterday and told us, "I think we will be baptizing "H" when they get out!!"

...One morning when we were getting ready to open the door for the Tea ministry, an Afghani man came with urgency and he couldn't wait until Nader sat with him. He said. "I don't want to get food, I just want to know about Christianity." He has a lot of questions that helped him to find out the truth about God. They talked for more than an hour and explained to him about God. The next time that they talked again, the

man brought with him his wife and 2 children. They showed interest to hear how great God is.

...At this time the Lord is bringing more Afghani families to hear the truth about God's Kingdom. Before we start the church service every Sunday, the seats are occupied already and they wait patiently for the church service.

Many new faces are coming during Thursday Prayer Nights also.

...Another Afghani family came with a very sad situation. The man took Nader a distance away from his family and asked Nader if he knows the place to sell his kidney. Nader was surprised to hear from the man how he really needed money for their living. Nader offered food to eat but he refused.

He said that food is only for few days. He cannot stand to see his family suffering. This family did not expect that they will land in Greece. The family sold everything they have in Iran. They gave huge amount of money to the smuggler who promised to bring them to Canada but the smuggler brought them to Greece.

Thanks for your partnership with us as we try to bring the Hope of the World to those traveling the Refugee Highway.

Grateful,

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