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Dear Friends,

This letter is designed specifically to answer the questions some of you have been asking:

***IS THERE ANYTHING NEW HAPPENING WITH YOUR MINISTRY?** Yes, we're glad you asked. We are in the process of taking over and re-organizing a Greek association that has been doing social work for refugees in Athens. This will: 1) Immediately extend our network of individuals and groups interested in helping refugees; 2) Give us a "legal" status of existence and operation in Greece (as an organization); 3) More easily facilitate the involvement of Greek Christians in our ministry.

Thank you for your prayers as we continue to pursue this miraculous opportunity, appoint a new Board of Directors, and recruit new members from Churches all over Athens.

***HAVE YOU ACQUIRED A MINISTRY BUILDING YET?** Thanks for asking...not yet. But your prayers are MORE CRUCIAL now than ever before. As soon as we finish the "take-over" process of the Greek charity (it is called "Philallilia" which means "Friends of the peoples of the world"), we will be in a much better LEGAL position to pursue acquiring a building.

***HAS ANYONE BECOME A CHRISTIAN RECENTLY?** Good question...Yes! PATRICIA is the Kenyan mother of the little boy who stayed with us last summer. She finally accepted the Lord after much sharing and praying. Please pray for her spiritual growth and for a job. THREE ALBANIAN MEN prayed to receive Christ while Gregory and I were street-witnessing a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, the police have been deporting most of the Albanians and we think that's what may have happened to them. DEREK is a young Polish man who trusted in Jesus last Friday night at a weekly Polish Bible study that I lead for a small group of Polish believers. He was invited by one of the members of the group to attend that night, and he left a new member of God's family!

Of course there have been many others who have heard or received the Gospel for the first time in their lives, others who are growing in their faith as they are being disciplined, and others who we keep sharing with and praying for.

*HOW ARE YOUR KIDS DOING? That's a real thoughtful question... thanks for asking. Our kids are doing GREAT! Cody is growing big and strong, still blond-haired and blue-eyed. He's not sleeping completely through the night yet on a consistent basis, but he's getting real close. Kendra is 32 months old and getting cuter and smarter every day (if that's really possible). She has 20 Bible verses MEMORIZED, loves to read books and sing, and is still our favorite daughter.

*WHAT'S YOUR FINACIAL SITUATION? (I had a feeling you were leading up to that question... thanks for asking). We are still living on the same support level as when we came to Athens almost two years ago. That's not really bad unless you consider that there has been a DRAMATIC increase in the cost of living (utilities alone have gone up 40-50%). Unfortunately, this has put us in a personal deficit situation of about \$600.

As soon as we get this debt payed off we will have to look for a cheaper apartment to live in so we can keep paying our bills, UNLESS our support gets raised \$250-300/month more. Our landlords have agreed not to raise our rent at all in September (which is the custom) if we will stay. Of course, we would like to stay where we are for all the obvious reasons as well as the fact that we have such a close "family-like" relationship with our landlords, and it will actually be very difficult to find another apartment for much less. But we want what God wants for us, whatever that is.

We're doing what we can to be good stewards... shopping at the cheapest grocery stores, tithing, living on a tight budget, etc. We have no money to set aside each month for retirement, the children's future education, or any kind of emergency savings. Please pray that God will clearly lead us about moving or staying.

*WHAT ABOUT YOUR OTHER TEAM-MATES? Good question... It's still just us and Lois (and Lois recently became engaged to a man in our Church here, and as of now it is unclear how much longer she will be with us). The Heckenburgs were planning to join us in early July but it looks doubtful that they'll have the financial support they need. The Carrolls are still trying to raise their support as well.

*WHAT DO YOU JUST WANT TO PRAISE THE LORD FOR? Another good question. We want to thank and praise Him for:

- 1) You and your loving prayers, support, and letters
- 2) Our Polish friend Andre was accepted to Canada and will leave this summer! Thank you for all your prayers about that.
- 3) We have two special teams of missionaries coming to help us this summer (one group from the University of Wyoming and one from a Church in Oregon)
- 4) WE LOVE THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY HERE! Thank you for allowing God to use you in supporting us in the work here.

Please send any financial support to:

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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PROSPECT HEIGHTS, ILL. 60070

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In the Vine,
And in the Vineyard,

Scott and Vicki