

Update on Dr. Joseph

May 26, 2013

Dear Praying Friends,

Although God blessed us with the gift of Dr. J's family arriving in Greece before we left, the down side is that we have had almost no time to spend with them between our time of winding things down here and the adjustments they have been making as a family. This has been very disappointing to them and to us.

We finally had an evening free to enjoy a very hospitable evening with them on Thursday night in the tiny apartment that has been given for their indefinite use. During that time I was able to give her a clear presentation of the Gospel, and a number of things were clear to me at that time:

1. This was the first time she was hearing anything like this (she has never read the New Testament but now really wants to)
2. She is a "spiritual" woman who I believe is not far from the Kingdom, but she will not enter "easily"
3. She is a strong woman with strong beliefs but is also a thinking woman who believes in educating herself
4. She has mistakenly believed that Christianity and Islam are mostly the same (which she is beginning to see is not true)

Also, this Friday and Saturday we had a retreat outside of Athens for our Community Group (of which Dr. J has been a part). Although, due to work obligations (which he does in exchange for the apartment they are living in), he could only come for a small part of the retreat his wife and children were there for most of it. During that time she approached me and asked if we could talk. She asked good questions (typical of what many Muslims ask), not in an antagonistic way but in a sincere learning mindset. She also clarified that despite her (perfect) English she would prefer a New Testament in her mother tongue of Urdu.

As a family they have attended some Bible studies and church meetings here, and the children (5 and 7) have started at the Greek public schools and seem to be doing well there, but the whole family is struggling with a number of "adjustment" issues. The 5 year old boy "S" seems to particularly have some anger and aggression issues.

Thank you for your continued prayers on their behalf.

Grateful,

Scott and Vicki

P.S. at this point, their longer-term hopes and plans are for her to take the British medical boards in September in the U.K. IF she can get a visa to go. If she passes, and can get a position there then the whole family would move to England.