



**CHURCH PLANTING IN
ATHENS, GREECE**



Prayer Requests

- ☑ Revival in Greece!
- ☑ Spiritual & numeric growth of new Bible studies.
- ☑ Praise! Services began 11/18! Pray for wisdom and opportunities as we plow & plant. Pray for grace as we endure this “slow” period of establishing relationships.
- ☑ Wisdom for design & the printing of new info card & Bible study invitation. Working w/ a graphic artist. Planned distribution 1/2019!
- ☑ Michael’s Greek classes to continue well. Great opportunities to share the Gospel already!
- ☑ Praise! Our girls arrive for Christmas w/ us 12/19! Travel mercies for multiple flights & connections.
- ☑ Pray for our children: Claire & Georgianna at Bible colleges in USA; Micah & John homeschool in GR & acclimation to life in Athens; More friends. Wisdom re: Micah’s school opportunity in PA next year.
- ☑ Pray for: Christine L.; Elias & Despina; Eleni; Vassilli

October was a busy month of preparation for launching home Bible studies & services. We’ve had several people come for studies & one young lady has faithfully attended every week. She has also brought her unsaved mom along once which turned into a great opportunity to explain God’s plan of salvation & opened a door for relationship building. We also continued to help in the ministries at Athens Baptist Bible Church in preaching, music, and in the Voice of Truth Refugee Outreach. A long-time friend from our sending church came for a weekend visit. We prayed often, gave out tracts, & served in other ministries during his visit. The timing was perfect as his encouragement was a very welcome “shot in the arm”!

Israel! Our sending church gave us a trip to join their group for an extended Holy Land tour. What a blessing it was to spend time with our pastor, his wife, & church family where Christ walked. The Lord is using this trip in many ways as we share our experiences with Greeks & in our personal devotional times. Thank you for praying as we enjoyed the blessing of this once in a lifetime opportunity. Our Bible reading has gone HD 1080p!

We began initial services on 11/18 in our home “auditorium”. Actually, we convert our basement as necessary! We stepped out in faith to purchase the needed chairs & tables, along with some other equipment. While many invites were made for weeks leading up to the launch, only one lady attended on a gray, rainy Sunday. We completely understand the difficulties of church planting in this culture. Greeks view anything other than Orthodoxy as heretical because it is so closely related to the national identity. Please pray for the establishment of relationships in & through Bible studies that will lead people to commit to church. Our prayer is to soon rent a modest, high visibility storefront in order to be recognized as a church & accepted within the community. We know this will take much time & effort but God is able and we’re committed to the “process”. Though it is tempting to change course, pray for wisdom & grace as we hold the line to follow God’s leading.