



PRAYER GUIDE DECEMBER 2016

OUR NEWS

- On Saturday 3rd of December there was a meal with the refugees that are related to CHRISTIAN STEKI in order to get to know each other and share with them the Christmas message. After lunch followed Christmas hymns accompanied by guitar and violin quartet. **Let us pray** the seed of the gospel to find good land to people's hearts and seek God they see in the lives of the redeemed.
- We had an interesting conversation with Ariel, a refugee who suffers from migraines and asked for help. As a pharmacist, Antonis suggested some medicine that could help, and if the

situation does not improve, he told her to see a doctor. Then he asked: *"Do you want me to pray with you?"* She accepted and they prayed. We do not know whether the migraine was gone but it is impressive how open people are to listen for the God of Christians ..

Let us pray for the Lord to touch the hearts of those people and that they get to know personally the God they are looking for.



NEWS FROM THE REFUGEES

- The Syrian family we hosted and now is located in Romania, was increased by one member as Nur gave birth to a healthy boy.
- Rosa, who fled in Germany with her family, has faced many difficulties. There, it is very difficult to get a residence permit and Rosa had to move in three different camps, without her husband. Finally, Rosa was given residence permit in the country for three years and the family was reunited.

Let us pray that the family will make it on their new home and that they will find people who will embrace them with Christ's love.

WE ARE PRAYING for the REFUGEE ISSUE in GREECE

At this juncture we are experiencing the largest population movement after the 2nd World War with Greece being required to lift the brunt of the refugee crisis, while other European countries are free to decide how or whether to help. The situation is getting more difficult

when then neighbor country, Turkey, threatens to send more refugees in Greece and therefore in Europe, if the EU does not compromise with its requirements.

At the same time, we anxiously observe provocative statements on the part of Turkey, which in turn lead to diplomatic incidents. The Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan made waves recently in Greece when he said that the *Treaty of Lausanne*, which set the borders between Greece and Turkey in 1923, was unfair on his country as several Greek islands in the eastern Aegean "*used to be ours.*"

"I said Lausanne and they got annoyed. Why are you annoyed?" he said, adding that *"These islands were ours. We have our monuments and our mosques there. Whoever signed [for their passing to Greece] bears the responsibility."*

[Source](#)

Let us pray to the Lord of mercy to give wisdom to the leaders of Europe, as well as the governments of Turkey and Greece in order to keep the delicate balance and that "*we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness*"



WE ARE PRAYING for the ECONOMIC CRISIS IN GREECE

According to a recent [survey](#) by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the impact of the crisis in Greece has brought deep suffering to ordinary people as 92% of Greek respondents said that the crisis affected them "*to some extent*" or "*greatly*". In practice, more than one in three Greeks lives in poverty due to rising unemployment, reduced wages and "frozen" bonuses. As a result, the number of people who are being served in STEKI is increasing; so are their needs. Together we share our poverty with the weary.

Let us pray to God to give us wisdom and vision to manage the project in his own way.

WE ARE PRAYING for the MINISTRY OF THE CHRISTIAN STEKI

We thank God for

Each individual ministry:

- Ministry of the Word
 - Women's shower ministry
 - Men's shower ministry
 - Clothes distribution ministry
 - Ministry of daily distribution of cooked food
 - Refugee support
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- **We are praying** for the Lord to tighten the relationships with people from the neighborhood
 - **We are praying** for our suppliers as we see many of them to shut their stores down
 - **We are praying** for the Greek Evangelical Church in Thessaloniki and the Christian Steki to be a testimony of love and mercy in our neighborhood and our city
 - **We are praying,** as always, for new spaces – main and subsidiary. May the Lord open the way so that we may cover the needs of the Steki and be able to offer a better service to our fellow citizens as well as the refugees who need help.

With wisdom and love walking on the works that God prepared for us

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