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“Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shall find it after many days” (Ecclesiastes 11, 1)

Dear brethren,

The above text is exactly what we are experiencing these last two weeks.

When we began the full time gospel work 32 years ago, we had a visitor amongst others in our home-Bible studies. He was a young man 21 years old. He has always lived here, but at that time he was a university student in Athens. So a couple weeks ago, I received a long letter from this man, asking to meet each other for Bible studies. Actually he came to know us through our paper “Times of Refreshing” and didn’t know who I was until we met each other. Sadly I found out that he had been a JW for a number of years now, believing that he belongs to the true elect people of God. However he is pleased to study the Bible with me every Saturday afternoon. Please pray with us for him, so that the light of the Gospel may shine in his heart and he would reject all false doctrines.

We are kept well by the grace of God and continue the gospel work here in the needy city of Patra. Our news since our last prayer letter is as follows:

In our special evangelistic meeting for the New Year, we had 5 visitors out of the 25 personally invited from our list of regular subscribers of our paper “Times of Refreshing”. We had long interesting discussions with some of them at the end. Please pray that they may be regularly under the sound of the Gospel.

One of our recent contacts is Maria a middle aged (divorced) lady with three children. She has had health problems recently and one of her little ones as well. She confesses her need of the Saviour and her desire to start a new life with him. Please pray with us that she may come regularly under the sound of the Gospel, accept the Saviour by faith, start the series of our biblical lessons by correspondence, come to know Him better and reject all false religion in the state church.

Another recent contact is Antonis, a man in his early fifties. He was pleased to receive our paper and calendar for the New Year. However, these days he is in the hospital’s intensive care, facing serious health problems. Please pray for his healing, physically and spiritually.

Alexis finished his military service and is looking for a job. He has, for some years now, been a regular receiver of our paper and was pleased to study, in the past, some of our Bible lessons by correspondence. Please pray that he may come regularly under the sound of the Gospel and be converted.

Sadly our recent convert Makis is still backslidden. However, we try to keep in touch and pray for his return.

Sadly, Georgia gave up doing the rest of the biblical lessons by correspondence and stopped coming to our meetings too. Please remember her in your prayers.

- Please pray with us for our Spring special evangelistic meeting on Sunday evening on 12th May.

- Pray for our outreach activities, such as door to door distribution of our bimonthly evangelistic paper “Times of Refreshing”.
- Pray for new jobs for the jobless, so that young people will not seek jobs abroad but stay and help by contributing in our church’s work.
- Please pray with us for the many who walk by our premises daily, reading our two large Bible exhibitions in the front, reading from an open Bible in modern Greek and a number of different texts. Someone from time to time steps in in morning hours, asking for a free copy of the N.T. or for more information.
- Please pray also for the three minutes Gospel message transmitted through an automatic telephone answering device, 24 hours.

We think the time has arrived for our church and for most of our Gospel activities such as our evangelistic paper “Times of Refreshing” to have our own site on the internet. We have got all the information and we thank God for Theofanis who is able to do most of this work for our church. However, the cost for this will be 230 Euros for two years. So please pray with us to our Gracious Lord, as our small church is struggling to cover our premises expenses (electricity, telephone and water bills) to provide for this need too.

Last but not least, pray for the young man Theofanis. He is keeping very well, is involved in our church’s work and is still thirsty for more systematic Bible studies. Every Saturday noon-time we have an hour Bible study for this period of time on the leadership in the local church. He hopes to visit the UK for some days next June, visiting Christian friends and local churches known to him, in London, Welwyn, Leicester, and the EMF new headquarters in Glenfield.

So, we thank all of you under God, for your faithful prayers and gifts towards the work of the Gospel here in the needy big city of Patra. May our Gracious and Sovereign Lord and Saviour continue to bless you, your families and your churches abundantly for His glory and the extension of His Kingdom.

Yours in our Lord’s service

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