



Argyris' & Dina's News

"Serving Christ in Greece"

FALL 2011



Teens@GrBC

for sports, fun,
worship!

**Praise Him for He
is our hope in the
midst of crisis!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greece is going through the traumatic experience of a collapsing economy. For months we have suffered pay cuts and increasing taxes. Every month new promises of rescuing the economy are made, and next month the danger returns even greater. Every month new immediate taxes are announced to correct the new problem, only to find out that it was a useless effort. So every month we find ourselves in a deeper pit!

There is pain and agony, even despair! People losing jobs, families are devastated, the young are hopeless, the old are devastated!



So what can we do? Is our Christian message irrelevant to the needs of our society? Is our preaching of Christ unrelated to this crisis? Certainly not!

As a society we have turned our back to Christ and worshiped the idol of Mammon! Instead of sacrifice for others we have thought only of ourselves, to the point of cheating others for our personal gain! Instead of working hard for our salary we want to work half, and we demand to be paid double!

Then of course comes our government which gave to us what it did not have! We borrowed from our children and grandchildren until everything crashed down on our heads. Is it now time to reap what we have sown, our sin handed down upon us?

Then it is time to repent! It is time to seek Christ! It is time to seek after God!

As a sign of trusting Christ and seeking first His kingdom, we celebrate Him in the midst of this depressed society! For this reason we organized in the Greek Bible College a teens event that invites them to think of God's claiming on their lives!

Pray with us to serve Him faithfully & Praise the Lord for God's provision and His grace in our lives!

Argyris & Dina



The 1st Women's Conference was a great success!

Dina Writes: "Thank you for praying for this pioneer event! It was a spiritually rich conference with many blessings and more than 200 women! Women came from many places in Greece, from all church backgrounds and a large percentage of participants were young women! We also had invited many friends of ours, Orthodox women that were impressed by our love and simplicity.

This conference was not doctrinal. The biggest part of it was fellowship, getting to know each other, company, encouragement and...spa! Our topic was very practical. "How can a simple, emotional woman face life's difficulties with God's help?" The two female speakers spoke with God's wisdom based on His Word. In the time of testimonials on this topic, a lady that struggles with Multiple Sclerosis deeply moved us as she related to us how she deals with her illness.

Many women said "We came to this conference as individuals and we are leaving now as one family". But the most amazing thing was that the female sales director of the hotel was found to be from an evangelical family that left the church when she grew up. She said "God brought you here for me!" She followed the conference herself and by the end she was worshiping with us! She said that all the hotel employees were saying "these ladies are of a different kind"! **Please pray for Eugenia so that she will grow in her faith!**

Praise the Lord with us for the wonderful conference! Pray that the Lord will lead us for preparing the next one!



Pray also for my ministry with the "girls" that starts again.

God has placed burden in my heart for a house of love, care and healing for these girls. By faith I opened a bank account with the little money a 13 year old girl from the USA sent me for this shelter. Let's see how the Lord will bless these "small breads and little fish"!

- I start this week lessons of Greek with a girl victim of trafficking that left the brothels and is coming to the church. She cannot find work because she cannot speak Greek. **Please pray for me and for her.**

- In the brothels, I have some girls and madams that we have become friends with and they want more than a few minutes visit. They want bible study and spiritual follow up. **Please pray that the Lord will lead me in what to do and how."**



Greek Bible College Graduation

signals the start of the summer ministries!

Graduation is a main mark on students lives! After a year or three years of striving to this end, they have the joy of completing their studies! Now they are free to have their vocations and set new goals for their future.

But this is also true for the teachers! Graduation marks our life as we kiss goodbye young men and women who want to serve the Lord! We have up to the graduation to teach them, encourage them, be-friend them in order to stamp their life with our love of God, His Word and His people! That day our ways part, and the only thing we can do for them is to pray for them!

Graduation also marks our ministry as it gives opportunity to serve in other capacities, like:

- preaching in the children camp of Kalamos,
- preaching daily for two weeks in family camp of Leptokaria,
- youth events like teens camps etc.



KALAMOS Children Camp



LEPTOKARIA

Teens Camp & Family Camp



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THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU!

Summer is the time to serve with short term mission teams!

In June, as the last 3 years, I over sight the MTW Interns of PCA working in Athens!



In July I was blessed by Bayview Glen C. of Toronto team that visited us before in 2009!



In August I felt a handy man myself (!) just buying stuff for a Baptist building team from Washington, IL & Sparta, WI, that worked in the GrBC. Some of who had worked with me before, in 2004, in my church in Piraeus !



“I just received an invitation to a mission week for an apologetic talk to university students of Vlore, Albania, traditionally a center of darkness and Marxist unbelief.

This is big and intimidating. But with your prayers I can do it. It is in the last week of Oct. It is great to know that you will be praying. “ Argyris



**We praise the Lord for those of you praying for us and sacrificially supporting us.
If you have not done it until now...
would you consider joining this small team of people and churches
who are surrounding our ministry with their prayer and support?**