



Dear Praying Friends,

Here's some of what's going on in our lives and ministry in Turkey. Thank you for the faithfulness to keep us in your prayers. We regularly hear from churches and individuals who have used personal prayer time, Sunday school, small group, and slotted times in services to pray for us and God's work in Turkey. We thank God for you and your service with us in the advancement of God's kingdom.

Language Studies: As of this month we have 4 full months of language studies under our belts. We're encouraged by the progress we've seen but we haven't reached the top of the mountain just yet. I recently heard someone liken language acquisition to false mountain peaks. We long for and work and pray

towards the time in the future that we can effectively preach the word and plant churches in Turkish.

New Evangelism Initiatives: At the beginning of May we started three new outreach initiatives to meet people and invite them to church. These are English clubs, game nights, and culture nights. We've already begun to meet new people through these efforts.

Friends Visiting Church: In our last update, I mentioned our friends Tural and Lena. They have since attended more services with us. Sonya has also seen her language helpers attend church with her and hear the gospel for the first time.

New Church in Kutahya: Our friends, the Reinhardts, helped with the planting of a new church last year in a city 1 hour from Eskisehir. This is the first known Turkish church in this city. Each time I attend the service I rejoice seeing the power of the gospel break through into new territory!

Residence Permits: As I mentioned in our previous update, last month we had our appointment for residence permits. Praise be to God, we were granted permits. This time, though they didn't grant us as long as we would like (3-month duration), they told us it is mere protocol and to apply for an extension. I am submitting the paperwork for this next week and we will have a new appointment at the end of July. We're expecting and praying for an extension at that time.

Ramazan: Ramazan begins this week and goes until June 14. This is the most sacred month of the year for Muslims. It is, for them, a commemoration of Allah delivering the first chapters of the Quran to Muhammad. Many will be fasting during the day in an attempt to 'draw nearer' to God.



Prayer Points

1. As we continue in full-time language studies, pray we are consistent and hardworking to learn Turkish well. At the same time, please pray we don't establish our identity and joy in this.
2. Pray for the individuals we have and will begin to meet through the new outreach initiatives. We're praying to see regular new visitors to the church from this.
3. Please begin to pray God grants us favor with the local municipality and that we are granted many years of service in Turkey. Also, pray God gives us wisdom to be patient and serve day-by-day. Our experience here thus far has taught us this is necessary for long-term service in the Middle East.
4. The church both in Eskisehir and Kutahya to grow in Christlikeness and for favor with the community as they preach the gospel to their friends, family, and co-workers.



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