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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

July and August have been busy but rewarding months for us here in Turkey. We are grateful for your partnership with us in the gospel and your sustained prayers for us and God's work here. As we develop linguistically and engage people with the gospel, we sense an increasing burden for the gospel to advance and disciples to be made here in Turkey. Here's an overview of what's been going on and ways you can pray for us this month.

First Sermonette

I had the opportunity to share a brief sermon in Turkish! It was a great experience to communicate the



Sonya hosting a painting event with ladies from the church and her friend, Hulya.



My friend Ismail and me. We have met and spoken a few times. Please pray he attends a church service with us.



This was my first opportunity to share the word in Turkish! Unfortunately, learning to communicate in a new language doesn't get rid of silly hand gestures....

Word in this manner in Turkish. Moving forward, I will be sharing a sermonette each month to prepare linguistically for teaching and preaching the Word each week once we begin church planting.

Sharing the word with friends

Sonya's language helper, Zulfiye, has regularly attended church services and is very intrigued by Christian beliefs. Each day, Sonya prepares a Bible study and during their time together, Sonya studies the Bible with her in Turkish. Last week, we gave her two books - one comparing the 'Messiah' in the Bible and Quran, and the other comparing the cross of Christ in the Bible and Quran. We are earnestly praying God saves her!

Each day I have been studying the Bible and explaining it in Turkish to my language helper, Velat. He enjoys discussing more abstract concepts and likes to debate the claims of Christ. He has attended some church services with us and met other believers. We are praying that God will save him.

Evangelism Initiatives

In a previous update, I mentioned some evangelism initiatives we have organized to meet people and invite them to church. Now that students are returning from Summer break,



An overview of the city we live in as we study Turkish. Our prayer is that this city, as well as many others in Turkey, will experience a great movement of the gospel.

we will be resuming these efforts. Please pray we are able to meet many new people through this.

Thank you for your faithful support of and prayers for Sonya and me. We have now been in Turkey for 8 months, and though we still have much work to do, we're closer than ever to being able to fluently teach and preach the word, plant churches, and train leaders in this great and needy nation!

To focus your prayers

- Our continued language studies. Specifically for diligence and perseverance.
- Friends that we're sharing the gospel with, especially Velat and Zulfiye.
- As we resume our evangelism initiatives, pray for wisdom as we plan and for boldness to share the gospel with the friends we make.

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