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✘ Summer in Greece ✘

COVERING FOR THE LONGS IS NO EASY TASK!



Having been here almost 4 months has been a growing and learning experience. We hosted teams and out of town guests. Scheduled speakers for the church services. Paid the monthly bill and did the banking. Was the person to trouble shoot when things needed fixing - All this in another language too.

It has been a learning experience but a good one. With Mike and Maria scheduled to return September 5th we have just about completed our summer duties. (the picture on the left is part of the

old city being dug up about 50 meter down the street from where the church meets. - See more photos on the back)

The Millionaire

At a church meeting a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. **The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to**



God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision,

and that is why I am a rich man today." He finished and there was an awed silence at his testimony as he moved toward his seat.

As he sat down a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him: **"I dare you to do it again."**

This is just a story but it does raise an interesting question about God and our money. Thanks for helping and giving to what God is doing in the Balkans!



The old & new “Just down the Street”

The church in Thessaloniki meets about 50 meters down the street from a dig of what was once a main area of town. Every week on our way to church we pass by these sights. We are walking where Paul and some of the early christians walked. We get to share the Gospel with people in this town just like Paul. What a great feeling and some awful big shoes (or sandals) to fill. Fortunately God is the one who led Paul and who leads all who will follow. Where is he taking you? There are lives in your neighborhood who need to hear about Jesus! Take the OLD message to some NEW people and help them meet!



Just Passing through and had to come to Church!

Recently at church a couple came in a few minutes after the service started and found their seats. I have never seen them but I thought they might be friends of some of the English folks that are helping this summer.

Afterwards I went to greet them and found out that they were Free Methodist from California – They were on a 5 week trip through Europe before she starts a new job/career in August. He is still in School but is also on staff part time at an FMC while in College.

Come to find out we know their Pastor and his family and a few other people they know.

Now I want you to know that they really wanted to attend church as they took the train up from Athens (5 hours) on Saturday, and from an old website found near where the church was (as there was no address but) from the pictures. They found the street and guessed at which was our location. (Well Actually that is what happened but we know God brought them to us.)

We were tied up for the afternoon but met them in the evening and showed them around Thessaloniki and had some ice cream together. We are very happy to have met Jaymes and Erin Lackey.

If any of the rest of you are coming to Greece or Bulgaria you are welcome to come and you can call we love company and will give you good directions to find us!