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Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ!! To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!! Amen!! The past months have been both exciting and tiring. We are so thankful for your faithful prayers for us in this ministry, for we know that the fervent prayers of a righteous one is powerful and effective (James 5:16b). We are so thrilled to be able to come to you with encouraging news, that we can lift our voices in one accord and praise God together for His marvelous workings through this ministry. Due to lack of space, we will give you the highlights of the last three months and our future goals. We hope that you are as encouraged by seeing God's hand at work as we have been.

FACEBOOK: In order to reach out in a more effective way in Ankara, we've now opened a Facebook Fan Page and we are amazed at the response we've received so far. In our first two weeks, we had almost 3,000 visitors. We are inviting people to post questions they have about Christianity and have had many lively conversations through the postings. We've tried to narrow the field to just reach people who live in Ankara, but because so many people from other parts of the country want to join the conversation, we haven't been able to limit it. It is a great blessing to be able to discuss our Lord with them, but as is the problem most of the time here, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. It could theoretically be a 24-hour job of just answering questions and posting thought provoking verses from the Bible and videos. We have recruited our brother, Falcon to help answer questions with us. At first it was great and he was really enjoying answering questions and objections; however, after a couple of weeks he became a bit frustrated. This has been an opportunity for us to help him to grow in this area that he struggles with, namely patience, pride, and grace. Please pray that his faith would be strengthened and that this experience would draw him into a closer relationship with the Lord. Pray for his continued excitement in doing this work and for his and our effectiveness in it. Already, we have funneled two of these contacts into local Bible study groups in different cities in Turkey and today our teammate is meeting with one of the male contacts that are a result of our Fan Page.

WEBSITE: The website is still going well and we have been doing some free advertising for it through the Fan Page. Please pray for its continued growth and success. Its original concept was to attract more ladies to Christianity, please pray for that specific purpose. We printed a newspaper ad in the local paper inviting people to learn about Christianity from our website and to order a free New Testament. This process was not without its problems; it took 3 weeks in order to finalize the ad. Originally we had a headline which read, "The world's most purchased and read book. Have you not read the Bible yet?" This caused the newspaper company to challenge us in our statement. They halted our ad and required proof, of which we happily gave them. When they received it, they told us that it was not acceptable. After much prayer and discussion, we decided it was not a fight worth fighting, and changed the ad. After changing the advertisement 10 times, we finally came to an agreement and it ran in the Saturday paper (the most commonly read paper of the week). From that ad, we sent out 25 Bibles and met face to face with 10 of them. We are also continuing relationships with several of these recipients. Praise God with us for this great response!!

BIGGEST PROBLEM: Believe it or not, right now our biggest problem is NOT collecting/finding people who are interested in the Gospel, but rather having enough people to do follow-up and share the Gospel with the people that we are collecting. Please pray with us that we will have people join our team that are like minded and equipped to meet with new contacts and share God's Word with them.

ONGOING PROJECTS: 1) We are continuing our Saturday Evening BS. We had 6 Turks attend last week, 2 of them were from the English Club that we started several months ago. 2) We currently have the English Club on hold. We have not been able to have enough consistency with it to keep it going right now. We are praying about how to do some advertising and see if we can get a larger group and more consistency that way. Please pray for this ministry, with the few people we've had attend (8 in all) it has been a great opportunity to share God's Word. 3) We are hoping to do a book table in the city center when the weather becomes consistently warm. Please pray for wisdom in this. As the political climate in this area continues to be sensitive, we need much wisdom to know whether this is a good time to pursue this project or not.

TRACTS: We've put together a really nice tract to distribute this Spring, but as we just don't have enough people to do the follow-up we are considering putting that on hold as well. This is a ministry that cannot be done in the Winter, so please pray that we will have more people for follow-up so that we'll be able to distribute this tract.

HALLELUYA!!!: Our friend, Wish, has entered into the family of God!!! Wish comes from a very religious family and originally from one of the most religious cities in Turkey. She has been doing a one on one, chapter by chapter, Bible study of the book of Isaiah with Karyn for the last several months. During this time, she has been challenged with the fact that the Bible clearly teaches that Jesus is, in fact, God. So much so, that she exclaimed, "This is the first time that I am seeing that the Bible is without a doubt teaching that Jesus is God. If this is true, it is exactly opposite of the Kuran. Which means that one is true and the other must be a lie; so I have to choose between the two." They prayed together that God would reveal to her His truth. The following week, she shared with Karyn a dream that she had. The dream was as follows: She saw a man in all white, but she couldn't see his face. It was like it was erased or something and glowing really bright. The man said to her, I am God. She said, how can you be God, you are a man. He said, you know that I am God. She said, but how can it be? You are a man. He said, you know. I am God. Then Wish woke up. She was really scared and cried a bit then went back to sleep. This time her dream was as follows: Her neighbor (who is really religious and is covered) invited her over for tea. When she went to her house, the neighbor opened the door and invited her in. It was so disgusting and dirty. There was clutter everywhere. (To a Turk, this is absolutely awful. The house must be clean and tidy at all times, and if you are having guests it must be spotless!) She asked her neighbor, how can you have guests over, it is so dirty. Then more and

more covered women came to the house. It was so crowded, and dirty, and they were all talking loud and at the same time. It was like total chaos. She was so uncomfortable and disgusted that she just had to leave. Then she woke up. For 20 years Wish has read and studied the Kuran and been told it was truth. She spoke of her fear of sinning against God by accepting what the Bible says as true. Karyn and Wish continued on in their study and she was constantly struck with God's patience and mercy, as well as His justice. Praise God with us and the angels; Wish repented and accepted Christ, this week!!!

What a blessing to be able to end our letter on such a wonderful note. We hope that you are as blessed as we are to be a part of this work. Let us always remember, with God all things are possible!!!

Faithfully serving for His glory,
Joe, Karyn, Jacob, Joshua, and Angela Cavon

Prayers and Praises:

- ◆ Praise the Lord for a wonderful Easter celebration, both with our Sat. evening B.S. and at our local English speaking Church.
- ◆ Praise God for protection during unsure times.
- ◆ Praise God Angela is understanding Turkish, enjoying school and beginning to speak a little bit on her own. Pray that she would speak more and more and be able to communicate with her friends and teacher clearly.
- ◆ Pray especially for Nazli, Cemal, Umut, Yagsin, and Ayse – that God would touch their hearts and open their eyes to His truth.
- ◆ Praise God for a good time of bonding with Bible study attendants during the holiday.
- ◆ Pray that those who are not yet believers would take that step of faith and repent of their unbelief.
- ◆ Praise God that Wish has accepted the Truth! Pray for her spiritual growth.
- ◆ Pray especially for Tutku and her mother, that she would make a real effort to restart studying God's Word with Karyn. Last week Karyn was able to meet with her and do a Bible study with them and it was very well received. Pray God would draw their hearts to Himself.
- ◆ Pray that we would be able to increase the number attendees to our study, as well as spiritual growth for the believers who are coming. Pray for Joe as he prepares to teach for 10-15 minutes at our Sat. Bible Study. May he be able to explain clearly what the Lord has prompted him to teach. Pray for spiritual growth for Demir, Ekber, Hamdi, and Didem.
- ◆ Pray that we would keep in step with the Spirit and that we would be used by Him to our fullest potential.
- ◆ Pray for the Lord to send us His elect.
- ◆ Pray for much fruit to come from both our Fan Page and Website. Pray that it would gather in friends who are seeking and willing to meet together in order to learn about God through His Word.
- ◆ Pray that we would not grow weary of doing good, knowing that in due time we will reap if we do not lose hope.
- ◆ Pray God would continue to provide for all our financial needs through the generous giving of the saints.
- ◆ Pray for diligence and endurance as we press on in the BCC follow-ups, website building, and language courses, etc. Pray especially that God would send us friends who are truly seeking.
- ◆ Pray that our hearts would overflow with rivers of living water.
- ◆ Pray that we would be a family that builds each other and others up with both words and deeds. We are trying to protect our time together as a family. We try to have at least Friday night or Sunday night together alone in order to build into our children's lives. Please pray that this would be able to continue.

Update from the Field.....

The believers of an eastern city in Turkey organized a picnic for their Easter celebration. They had a good time of praise and fellowship together. However, in the midst of the celebration, a young believer's father showed up unexpectedly and made quite a disturbance. The father proceeded to order his son to go home and stay there. He further, threatened bodily harm to the American worker if he finds out that his son is ever contacted by him again. Although no one was harmed at that time, your prayers are definitely appreciated. Please pray for safety for all who are involved and wisdom as to how to proceed in this situation.

A look at culture from the humorous side.....

The biggest shock that most Americans have when they come and visit us here in Turkey is how many clothes people wear here even when it is very hot outside. Now that our weather is starting to be more Spring-like, a situation happened that really struck us funny.

You know you have been Turkified when it is 75 degrees Fahrenheit and you make your 12 year old son put on a hat when he walks to school. "But Mama," he exclaims, "I don't wear a hat in Montana when it is 60 degrees." "Well," Mama calmly replies, "We aren't in Montana, are we? Things are different here!" hahaha

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