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Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Savior - Jesus Christ. It has been a whirlwind of a year; we regret that we have not been able to get a newsletter out sooner. We just returned from our annual conference where we focus on evaluating our year of ministry and plan for where we feel the Lord is leading us in the future. The Lord, as always, has been faithful in all His workings. For the sake of space and assisting you to pray more efficiently, we have listed our praises of what God has done through this ministry and our future "Big Ideas" to pray about in bullet points. The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps. Pv. 16:9

- On the Internet, we have maintained the Facebook Fanpage that now has approximately 1200 followers and reaches out with God's Word to literally hundreds of thousands of people.
 - This year we have sent out more than 80 NTs and 35 Jesus VCDs – All just within Ankara (not outside cities).
 - We have maintained three (3) websites that have collectively had more than 12,000 visitors this year from over 75 different countries. Each of those visitors has had the opportunity to:
 - a. Listen to and/or read the NT online.
 - b. Read the Gospel Message.
 - c. Listen to audio Bible Stories.
 - d. Read Scripture-filled articles.
 - e. Order Christian Resources.
 - f. Contact us personally.
 - In terms of Evangelism and Gathering this year:
 - 1. We are currently working with approximately 32 people.
 - 2. Seven (7) people have come to faith this year.
 - 3. Three (3) people have been baptized.
 - 4. We are currently working with five (5) other people that are growing in their understanding of who Jesus is, and have expressed that they believe what they are receiving is truth but have not yet taken the step of entrusting themselves to Him.
 - 5. We are currently putting together an EV tract with our believers – It should be finished and ready for distribution within the next month!
 - Discipleship and ministering together as a Body we:
 - 1. Sent many of our disciples to various camps.
 - 2. Did two (2) outreaches with our group –
 - a. Visiting/encouraging and gathering "living necessities (toothbrush, underwear, etc.)" for earthquake victims and visiting/encouraging people at the local convalescent home.
 - 3. Went to Bolu for a Group Study on Prayer and Journaling.
 - 4. As well as meeting every Saturday for worship, have met as Church (believers only) all year, once every 1.5 months, for a special time of prayer, reading of the Word, and the Lord's Supper.
 - 5. Prayed in the New Year as a local Body and the local believers named the church.
 - a. Subsequently, the official AUK Website and Fanpage were launched.
 - 6. Played a movie of testimonies of persecuted believers and discussed the situations as a group.

7. Planned an Easter Program with surrounding area local home fellowships.
8. Have opened a Live Chat on the Website and one of our believers is managing it.
9. Have members of our fellowship actively posting as managers on the AUK Facebook Fanpage.
10. Have one of our members is currently in Leadership Training.
11. Are having fellowship/outreach picnics this summer.
12. As a fellowship, will be going to an eastern city this summer to worship with and encourage a believing family who has undergone much persecution.

When we started putting these statistics together, we were in awe at how much God has done through this ministry this year – we hope you are as well and praise Him together with us!

Now for our prayer points for what we are trusting the Lord to do this coming year before we furlough:

- We want to take our MP3 ministry to a higher level. Last year we tested the waters a little bit to see if it would be well received and indeed it was.
 - We propose to distribute MP3 players to new believers and seekers. These players will be loaded with various sermons, testimonies and hymns that will be used in discipleship. That is, the person will agree to listen to the loaded message and meet with us to thoroughly discuss the content and how what he/she has learned will affect how he/she lives.
- We want to have a movie outreach at the local movie theater this Fall/Winter.
 - We discovered that it is pretty inexpensive to rent out a theater (77 seats) for one showing. We would like to begin with a Gospel message, play Les Miserables, and conclude the evening with a discussion of the difference between the law and grace according God's Word.
- We want to have a Bible Conference that will include surrounding local groups.
- We want to rent a central meeting place.
- We want to make strides towards opening up a battered women's home.
 - It is our desire to have a "safe house" for the many women who find themselves in abusive situations. A requirement for staying there will be voluntary involvement in a 1-on-1 Bible study once a week as well as weekly attendance at church meetings.
 - This is still in the "dream" stage right now, but we hope to reach a benchmark of information gathering for legalities, as well as completing feasibility studies on this type of ministry.

Whew! Let us together sing our praises to the Lord for He has truly done marvelous things throughout the earth – yes, even in our midst! Your prayers are so appreciated, for we know that the prayers of a righteous one avails much. Thank you for your laboring with us and let us pray that we will not grow weary in well doing, KNOWING that we will reap if we do not lose hope (Gal. 6:9).

Joyfully serving so the lost may hear,
Joe, Karyn, Jacob, Joshua and Angela Cavan

Prayers and Praises:

- Praise God for good jobs for most of our brothers and sisters!
- Praise God for our new brother in Christ, Onur. Pray he would find suitable work to be able to support himself.

- ☐ Pray for extra stamina as we are housing a new T. believer in our home all summer as well as housing other passing guests at the same time. May our time with Yasemin be spiritually fruitful.
- ☐ Pray for wisdom and discernment for the dr. as she tries to diagnose Angela's allergies.
- ☐ Praise God for a fruitful time of planning, evaluation and spiritual renewal at the annual conf.
- ☐ Pray for Mustafa as he does his staj for leadership training. May God reveal to him His way.
- ☐ Pray for Altin as he is away from fellowship in Erzurum. May he use this time to strengthen his relationship with the Lord and read His word.
- ☐ Pray for our new on-line chat feature. May it be a blessing that will be used to draw many to Himself.
- ☐ Praise God for providing Ata with a new job.
- ☐ Pray for Selma who will be meeting with Karyn for weekly Bible study. May God draw her to Himself.
- ☐ Pray for God to grant Ekber repentance, that he would put God first in his life and love his wife as Christ loves the church.
- ☐ Pray for Didem to grow in her trust of the Lord; pray that God would do whatever it takes to heal her marriage. Praise God for her ability to do well at her job.
- ☐ Pray for Eren to thirst after God's word and want to grow in his faith. Pray that he would share with his wife and son who are not yet believers.
- ☐ Pray for Cemal to continue to actively seek truth.
- ☐ Pray for Kemal to continue to grow in his love for the Lord. May he be diligent to study and rightly divide the word of truth and keep from false doctrine.
- ☐ Pray for Yasemin to grow in her trust and faith in the Lord. Pray that she makes her relationship with God a priority.
- ☐ Pray for Sinan to grow in his faith.
- ☐ Pray for Sevgi and her son Batu to see that a relationship with God is worth any consequence they may have to endure.
- ☐ Pray Sait to grow in his love for God and not forsake the fellowship of the body.
- ☐ Pray for Metin to be able to attend the mid-week Bible studies and long to grow in his faith.
- ☐ Pray for the many friends that we are sharing with who have come via the Internet. May God use us to draw them to Himself.
- ☐ Pray for our protection as we boldly share.
- ☐ Pray for safety and guidance as we (A. Hope Ch.) Plan to go to eastern Turkey to encourage another small Ch group in a hostile area.
- ☐ Pray we would joyfully, and with all diligence, fight the good fight and press on toward the goal. May the Lord our God be glorified in all that we do!
- ☐ Praise God for the privilege of joyfully partaking in the work that God is doing here in Ankara!

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