

Dear Family and Friends,

Warm greetings to you all from snowy Asia Minor, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. It is with exceeding joy that we share the great news of the new birth of our brother, Metin! What a delight to see him growing in his love and knowledge of Jesus. In this area of the world, the battle in the spiritual realm rages incessantly and particularly toward new believers who find themselves almost instantly engaged in an arduous wrestle against principalities and the rulers of this world who try to discourage, defeat, and destroy what Jesus has purchased. We are reminded continually in His word that we are not alone; we are encouraged by the promises given by God, promises of hope and of peace, of strength and victory!

This victorious God of ours continues to lead us and guide us through this very difficult and troublesome time here regarding our ministry center. By His grace, we have been able to come under legal status in order to open the Women's Center! We just found out that all of our paperwork has been approved and we are legal to begin. Therefore, with much excitement we and our team have begun searching for an appropriate space to rent - hopefully by the end of April. We have built our team, have been gathering ministry/outreach ideas, launched our new outreach website, and have been praying continually for the Lord to be glorified through this by healing the broken hearted and bandaging their wounds, and bringing many many souls to Himself.

So far, we have had opportunity to share on a continual basis with 3 special friends: Fatin, Bulut, and Melek. They are so close to salvation, and yet have not had the courage to take that final step that makes all the difference. We continue to share with them, as if God is pleading through us. Paul prayed, "Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." (Eph 6:19) Our hearts ring of the same prayer for ourselves and the work here.

We are in uncertain times, but they are exciting times where we have the privilege to see God's mighty right hand at work in the hearts of people who are seeing the depravity of man. This country continues to be in a state of emergency and they are voting on whether or not to rewrite the constitution on April 16th. It is a frightening thing for many of the citizens here, which makes it all the more reason for the urgency in sharing this Good News! He who is FAR above all principality, power, might, and dominion has chosen to save sinful man and grant us with the gift of eternal life with Him! Imagine hearing that you can have continual peace through a relationship with Christ during such an oppressing and dismal time. How wonderful to know, in fact, that believers do indeed possess this peace; it is a message that so many want to hear especially in these dark hours.

Ironically, the election lands on Easter Sunday. This Easter, we are going to be doing an extra special celebration by entering into Jesus and His disciples' last evening together. We are excited to celebrate this meal and experience with them in remembrance of the marvelous things that God has done for us, and is doing in us even now. Following that, we will have our group Easter celebration that will involve 3 other small churches, and finally a BBQ on Resurrection Sunday. May hearts be touched and thereby be caused to overflow with grace for the unimaginable grace that has been given to us!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts as you ponder the truths of Jesus' death and resurrection this Easter season.

Joyfully serving for His glory,
Joe, Karyn, and Angela Cavn Cavn

Praises and Prayers:

- ◆ Praise God for our new brother, Metin!
- ◆ Praise God for legal status for the Women's Center!
- ◆ Pray for Emre as he studies the Bible and compares it to his own holy book. May the Lord use Joe in a mighty way as he shares with him and explains scripture. May the Holy Spirit speak to his heart.
- ◆ Pray for energy and good time management as we balance our meetings with team, seekers, disciples, and corporate worship.
- ◆ Pray for peace for our sister, Senay, who recently lost her brother to cancer. He was not a believer which makes it all the more bitter for her to know she will never see him again.
- ◆ Pray for peace for our brother, Tuna, who recently and suddenly lost his father. His mother died only a year ago from a stroke, he is single and only 27 years old and having to deal with all that this entails. May the Lord grant him comfort and peace and use the Body to walk with him through this grief.
- ◆ Pray for both Jacob and Joshua to make wise and godly decisions in their lives and to draw near to God. Please pray that they would surround themselves with godly people who will stand with them and build them up in the Lord. May they seek Him and His righteousness above all things.
- ◆ Pray for Angela as she works hard in internet school to get ahead so she can finish in May when her brothers come to visit. (She was scheduled to end in mid-June)
- ◆ Pray for Fatin who seems so close to faith. May the Lord grant him humility and strength to lay aside all his former beliefs to grab hold of the One true God!
- ◆ Pray for Bulut who is studying God's word with us regularly but is petrified of losing his job and worse. May the Lord comfort him and give him strength to put his trust in Jesus as Savior and King.
- ◆ Pray for Melek to come to know Jesus as her Savior. She is married to a man who is very hostile toward Christianity. May the Lord protect her from violence, use Karyn as she teaches her and shares Christ with her, and may God reveal Himself to her and bring her into the fold.
- ◆ Pray for Ozlem to be able to stay in Ankara, and for her to be able to find a job.
- ◆ Pray for Burcu to stand firm in her faith even while her family is against her. May she continue to grow in her faith and lay aside the sin that so easily ensnares us.
- ◆ Pray for God to lead us to just the right place to rent for the Women's Center.
- ◆ Pray for God to send us His elect.
- ◆ Pray for patience during trying times and that the words from our mouths would be seasoned with grace.