

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 who seems to be growing in his faith.
- ◆ Praise God for our partnership with AHT in starting the women's center!
- ◆ Praise God that Jacob and Joshua are coming in May!!!! Josh will be coming with his serious girlfriend, Naomi, whom we will meet face to face for the first time.
- ◆ Pray that Jacob would finish this semester strong.
- ◆ Pray for Josh to have wisdom for his future as he quits his current job before coming here. May the Lord lead him to a good job with godly influences. Pray for his and Naomi's relationship to be pure and holy before God.
- ◆ Praise God Angela has worked so 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 God to continue to use Joe as he speaks boldly about the need for Jesus to come as the sinless sacrifice to atone for our sins with Emre. He seems to see the necessity and beauty of the Gospel, now may the Holy Spirit speak to his heart to repent and accept it.
- ◆ Pray for energy and good time management as we balance our meetings with team, seekers, disciples, and corporate worship.
- ◆ Pray for peace for our three brothers and sister who have lost loved ones. May the Lord give them perfect peace through this time of grieving. Pray particularly for Tuna who seems to want to fill that void with something other than God.
- ◆ Pray for Fatin who continues to read and meet with us diligently. 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 keeps putting off accepting the gift of salvation. May the Lord comfort him and give him strength to lay aside his fears and put his trust in Jesus as Savior and King.
- ◆ Pray for Melek to not be distracted in her seeking of the true God. May the Lord illuminate the scriptures for her and grant her repentance and faith to trust in Christ as the Savior of the world.
- ◆ Pray for Ozlem to be able to stay in Ankara, and for her to be able to find a job.
- ◆ Pray for Burcu as she is bombarded with negative/anti-God influences by her family. May she remember when she tasted the sweetness of God's goodness in her life and come running back.
- ◆ Pray for God to lead us to just the right place to rent for the Women's Center.
- ◆ Pray for Mukkerren as she seeks truth. Pray for her to have the courage to meet on a regular basis.
- ◆ Pray for us to have walks that are worthy of His calling.