

Dear Family and Friends,

"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of love!" penned Henry J. VanDyke regarding our lord and savior God. This time of the year is a wonderful time that reminds us of what love the Lord has for us, his creation, his people. He loved us so much that his precious son left his throne in heaven to dwell among his creation for the purpose of revealing the Father to us and reconciling us to him through his sacrifice on the cross. It is our greatest desire that his glorious fame be exclaimed throughout the whole earth particularly during this time of celebrating Jesus' birth.

It has been just over one year since we formally started Anatolian Christian Community Church. We began with 9 believers and their children. Many have come and heard the good news, many have left, as did the rich young ruler, not realizing the immense value of knowing and following Jesus. We are now 25-30 people strong, meeting on Sunday mornings to worship God. The Lord has been working in all of our hearts, and by His grace, we are seeing spiritual growth that can only be accomplished through the Holy Spirit. The Lord is knitting our hearts together through His Spirit, He is teaching us His statutes, and His love is overflowing out of believers' hearts to the dark world we live in.

This Christmas season, we hosted a number of outreach programs. The weekend of the 15th, we hosted a city-wide Christmas celebration/outreach for young adults, age 18-30. Please pray that the gospel that was heard would touch the hearts of those who attended. The following weekend, on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had a Christmas outreach open to all ages. We played games, gave presents, ate together, and most importantly, explained the true meaning of Christmas, the best gift ever given, through the reading of the Christmas story and singing of Christmas hymns. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we had a Christmas worship time and special meal together. Finally, on New Year's Eve, we will have our annual "Praying in the New Year" gathering. It is our desire that all who come will experience Christ, will be drawn to His love, and desire to fall in love with a God who pursues us unremittently! What a great and glorious God we serve!

As we enter into the year 2019, we would like you to please be in prayer for our activities. Let us give you some quick bullet points of our upcoming activities.

- ☐ Tuesday and Friday nights we teach English through the reading of the Bible.
- ☐ Wednesdays we will begin a women's outreach/study of God's character and our praise through making art together.
- ☐ Friday Women's Day is a time for ladies to bring their own handcrafts. We work on these hobbies together while listening to hymns and encouraging one another with godly fellowship.
- ☐ Wednesday and Sundays are our time of corporate worship and teaching of the Word.
- ☐ On the first Friday of the month we have a movie night where we watch a movie together and discuss a biblical truth afterward.
- ☐ On the first Sunday of every month, we have a BBQ after church service. This is a time of fellowship and visitors are invited to come and partake of the love of God that they see in our loving of one another and unity according to John 17.
- ☐ In 2019 we will be beginning a series of theme dinners which serve to illustrate a particular truth or ceremonial festival found in God's word.
- ☐ We have also begun our instagram account for the church (@AnkaraKilisesi) and have had much success through this venue. Although it is a lot of responsibility since we post only original photos, it has been worth the effort as we have been

able to reach out to many new friends who have come to hear the Good News. Each day we post one original photo pertaining to a verse from God's Word. After a little over a month of posting we have met with 5 new friends who have now heard the Gospel.

- ☐ We also continue to use Facebook as a venue for outreach as well. Through these two social media outlets we have met with many new seekers face to face, given out New Testaments and Christian resources.

May the Lord use these venues to draw many to himself, may he grant us energy and joyful self-sacrificing spirits, and may he provide for all the spiritual and financial needs that are needed in this ministry. Please pray for our special friends who have not yet obtained new life in Christ, in particular: Candan, Aydan, Altan, Ali, Bayram, Fadime, Fairy, and Bugra. May God open the eyes of their hearts and reveal himself to them.

Thank you so much for your prayers, love, and support. We pray that your Christmas was filled with unexpected joy and pleasure which can be found only in Christ and may this coming year, 2019 prove to be your best year thus far. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Eph 3:20-21) Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

#### Praises and Prayers:

- Praise God for our Christmas outreaches. May God use what they heard, saw, and felt to bring many to himself.
- Praise God Candan has returned from his soldier duty. May God speak to his heart and cause him to make the decision to follow Jesus and not the world's system which can only bring death.
- Pray for wisdom as we plan activities for 2019. May God give us good ideas that would attract just the right people who God has been calling.
- Pray for Diamond and Fairy who have heard a lot of God's word, but are afraid to accept the gift.
- Pray for Hale to grow in his love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for our new friend Aydan who is seeking after truth and has begun a study with Karyn once a week. May she seek Him with her whole heart. Please also pray for protection as her husband is not seeking and her son is scared because of her questioning the major belief.
- Pray for wisdom and energy as we revamp our "Women's Art therapy" group. May it draw many more women who are seeking God and speak to their spirits through His word.
- Pray for our new friends through instagram. May the Lord open the eyes of their hearts to know Him.
- Pray for purity in the church and healthy passionate love for one another in Christ such that when the world sees they would know and understand that the Father sent Jesus to reconcile us to himself according to John 17.
- Pray for energy, creativity, and the Lord's guidance as we plan regular activities at the center. May many people be drawn to Christ through these efforts.