

Oct 1, 2007

Dear Friends and Family,

As the tourist season draws to a close here in Marmaris, we are beginning to prepare for the winter season which means that most people will not be working, children will be in school and there will be time to meet, drink tea and start our mid-week church activities again.

Our Friday service will now be in the morning, the Tuesday Mothers and Toddlers group, and the Wednesday coffee morning (both of which have become quite popular) have all started up again. It is so nice to have people coming around and to have the church open more often.

Sunday morning services will continue and we have been blessed during the summer to have so many tourists who found the church and went away excited to see a Christian fellowship existing in Marmaris. It has been encouraging that many of the hotels and tour companies now know where we are and can direct people. Also there is an English speaking newspaper that puts in a free notice about the church, and many people have found us in this way.

The German Bible study group will begin again right away, and they are studying, "God Are You There?", an inductive study of the gospel of John. Our other Precept study will be in Philippians beginning in November. On October 6 several members of our group will go to Rhodes (a short ferry ride) to meet with Kay Arthur and the group who are doing a -Paul's Journey's- tour. Kay is the author of our Precept Bible studies. It is always such an encouragement for our group to meet Kay and the staff, since these studies have helped us so much.

Last month Barb was able to take a tour of Israel for 11 days with a friend from Colorado, and was very blessed to visit the Holy Land. The tour guide was a Messianic Jew with a passion for the return of the Jews to Israel. It was a very exciting and nourishing trip that will enrich our Bible studies greatly. The highlights of the trip were reading the Beatitudes on the mountain overlooking the Sea of Galilee, and then seeing Jerusalem for the first time, it brought tears of joy!

We are praising God for the continued health of Barb's parents who are both doing remarkably well, and also for His provision for the rental of our house in Colorado.

Prayer needs:

- One of our members, Lia, has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing chemo therapy. Please pray for her, strength in body and in her faith and for complete healing.
- Please pray for the Bible studies that are beginning for the winter, possibly we will have foundational studies in both Turkish and English for new seekers. Pray that the newly interested ones will be drawn in and that God's will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
- Please also pray for the upcoming Malatya murder (April, 07) trials and for the families of the three martyrs.

- Please pray for continued freedom of religion in Turkey, as the politics of the country are in a state of change, toward nationalism and conservative Islam, which could affect the freedoms of Christian churches in Turkey. Praise God that 3,650 people have requested that their identity cards be changed from Muslim to Christian.
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

?And this we pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.? Phil. 1:9-11

Blessings in Christ,  
Denny and Barb

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