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ΗΙΛΑΣ ΕΝ ΚΥΠΡΟΣ

ΛΕΥΚΟΣΙΑ / Nicosia

MATTHEW 7:7

Seek and you will find. We quote or sing that passage many times, and we have witnessed that truth play out these last few months. Many people who have already been praying, reading the Bible, and seeking God have been brought to us through the weekly Bible studies and social media ads. Anna (pictured below) is one of those and was recently baptized into Christ (see page 3); she was already studying and seeking, and we happened to meet her to continue to water the seed already planted. Be confident that God can reach all who want to find Him anywhere in the world.



As our work includes people in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, some with backgrounds in Islam with family still in Islamic states, we wanted to emphasize that this newsletter is open to be shared among our supporters and members of your congregations but is not able to be posted publicly online or on any social media/YouTube. You may post in private groups, print, email, etc. This helps protect them and their families, and we appreciate your help.

Updates

Mission

The last few months we have been continuing to seek the lost and searching in Nicosia and serving the body and other missionaries here on the island. We have additionally begun trying to reach souls in Limassol with the gospel. Calum is teaching and leading congregations in north and south across the whole island while the other missionary families are away (the Parkers leave for furlough tomorrow).

Prayer

There are so many names on the last page we would love for you to pray for each day! Specifically Anna, Wayne (south), and Wayne (north), as they all have begun this new life in Christ. Please pray that those coming to the weekly coffeeshop studies will be transformed by the Word. Let all those in Cyprus seeking truth find it, and let us be used as vessels for that purpose.

Life

Lydia's mom fought cancer for a long time, and she passed on May 22nd. Lydia was already going for a brief visit for Kayley's wedding, but moved her flight up and went home in the end of May to be with her dad and brother for the funeral and a few weeks after-Calum remained in Cyprus.. Please pray for us, Lydia's dad, brother, aunts and uncles, and other family and friends during this difficult time. Lydia returned June 23rd.

LIMASSOL



In the knowledge that many were seeking to study the word of God, but had little opportunity, we decided to replicate the coffee shop Bible study that had grown so quickly in Nicosia to the other “major” city in Cyprus named Limassol. The hope is to establish another work there and Lord willing another body of believers on the island of Cyprus.

Popular Boardwalk

We have plans to distribute tracts and hold open air meetings in this place, as there is much opportunity.



Limassol is just over an hour and a half bus journey from Nicosia and is situated on the southern coast of Cyprus. It has a large Russian population and is known as the commercial centre for the island. Every Wednesday, we have been travelling to Limassol in an effort to build contacts and form a Bible study. We had advertised the study through paid advertisements on social media, just as we did for Nicosia. As a result, we made 4 contacts who joined a Bible study group chat we had formed. Unfortunately, despite showing interest, there has been little physical presence at the studies which have been running for a month and a half now. Thankfully, one week while Calum was in Limassol during Lydia's visit to the U.S., a man by the name of Caleb met up for a study. Caleb is seeking the truth of God's word, and at this stage only has knowledge of the gospel of John. We are in regular contact for the Bible study. Calum also made a contact named Param, an Indian student in the city, who he has met up with repeatedly to discuss matters of faith and of the Lord. Param is a Hindu.

Anna



NEW SISTER: ANNA

A few weeks ago, we put out an Instagram and Tiktok ad about a Bible study open to anyone which we would host weekly at a coffee shop in an effort to find those who are seeking God's truth. We decided that it would be prudent to pursue those who were already seemingly pursuing the truth. The responses to that were quick, and we received at least 12 private messages about joining the study. We had not even noticed that the contact number was typed wrong on the ad, so, when we had the first study, some even came who had tried to call and still decided to show up without confirming it was happening! We are in awe of how the Spirit of God works to bring people together even amidst our feeble human mistakes and efforts. In the Coffeehouse study, Calum has been teaching through the book of Acts to teach the true pattern of the New Testament church. One girl who came to the study since day one is Anna, a Russian Cypriot who has been reading on her own and has been devoted to God the last year of her life. She grew up Orthodox (her dad is a Russian priest), but she has grown quite firm against some of the Orthodox practices through her own study of God's word. Lydia began studying with her one-on-one May 19th, and again on May 21st. May 22nd, Anna decided to give her life to Christ in baptism. She is passionate and has been praying for Christian community, understanding of the Bible, etc., and we know that God has answered so many prayers and will continue to be with her and support her through His Spirit, the Scriptures, and His church.

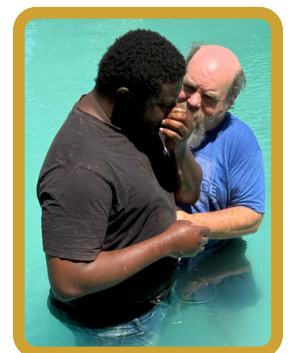
NICOSIA

Reva and Emile at Coffeehouse study



Emile and Revel

Revel (short for Revelation) grew up as the daughter of the Seventh Day missionary preacher, and she is struggling in having her own faith. She and Lydia met up and got to discuss how knowing the Scriptures would help Reva, and they are going to begin studying one on one together. Emile is her husband, and there's more about him on the next page.



NEW BROTHER: WAYNE

Wayne is a university student from Nigeria who reached out on TikTok and started coming to our Coffeehouse studies. He immediately wanted to get plugged in more, and started coming to other church gatherings and studies. Wayne and Kristi have become parent figures for him, as he is on his own and struggling with a lot of familial neglect and financial and depressive troubles. He was baptized June 28th because he wants to walk with Christ and have His forgiveness. Pray for him as he navigates everything!

NEW OPPORTUNITY

HEARTS FOR TRUTH

A majority of the examples of evangelism we read in the New Testament are to people who were already religious or devoted to God (or their perception of God) in some way. We see this in the group of women with Lydia praying by the river, in the eunuch leaving Jerusalem and reading Isaiah, in the devout man Cornelius, in those at the Temple each time Paul visited a new city, at Areopagus Hill, etc. For some time, we have been praying to find a local group, or place, where spiritual matters and philosophy are discussed; we wanted to be in a place where people were clearly searching for truth. On the first of our Thursday night studies, we had a couple of 7th Day Adventists join us. They really enjoyed the study—Calum is going through Acts to teach the biblical pattern for the church—and recognised that it was the depth of study that they were seeking at their own weekly youth study on Fridays. One of them visiting was Emile (pronounced Em-ill) from Lebanon who is married to Revel. He is the one who organizes their weekly study. Much to our surprise, he invited us to join their weekly study as they feel their study required more biblical knowledge. The group consists of around 7-10 young adults (most of them related to Revel) who do not know much Bible but want to learn.



7TH DAY ADVENTIST YOUNG ADULTS DISCUSSION CLUB

More often than not the study ends in lively discussion regarding what is being discussed, and they felt our addition might serve to remedy that situation. We seized the opportunity to present the truth of God's word. One week when Calum was in attendance—Lydia was in the U.S.—he queried the Seventh day teaching of not eating pork. Showing from the Scriptures how a follower of Christ can eat pork (and other foods), with a clear conscience, the room became divided, with some of the denomination beginning to challenge the prohibition because of Scripture. To continue this discussion further, Calum requested a meeting with the preacher of the congregation, the father-in-law of Emile, to see if he had any more insight into to why they feel obliged to maintain certain aspects of the law (but not all of it...). This discussion took place two weeks later in the presence of the youth. We are still surprised that they allow us to take part in their study (in fact, they asked Calum to lead the class and teach them the Pauline epistles one week!), but we are making every use of the opportunity to be Aquila and Priscilla to people who are clearly seeking and searching for the truth of His word. Pray for us as we minister to them in this way.

GOSPEL SHARING

WEEKLY STUDY WITH HINDUS

Since we first met Bangladeshi Hindus, we have been seeking to acquire some Bengali (also known as Bangla) Bibles to distribute. Thankfully, a friend in India was able to print and help with costs to ship them to Cyprus. When the Bengali Bibles were finally delivered to our home, Calum arranged to meet up with some Hindu's we had made contact with to distribute them. Upon arriving to meet them, Calum was introduced to some new individuals whom he had not met before. Walking to the local park, a discussion was had concerning the Hindu faith, and, in an Areopagus Hill fashion, Calum explained who the Lord is, and the salvation offered through the Son. Upon hearing this, they were interested to learn more about Jesus Christ. All four present expressed a wish to possess a Bengali Bible and also to meet for a weekly Bible study on Sunday afternoons to learn more about Christ. Please pray as the Word of God is shared with these people.



ENGLISH CLASS

After months of trying, we now have 2 Arminian women attending the English class. Please pray for them.

FAMILY BIBLE DAY

Wayne and Kristi Parker, missionaries also here in Nicosia, organised a VBS for local children to establish relationships in the area. During this time, Michelle and Nathan Tennant visited from West Virginia to help, along with her sister Victoria of the same place. 2 children joined us for the day, and free food was given out the front of our rented building towards the centre of the city.



NORTH YOUTH RETREAT

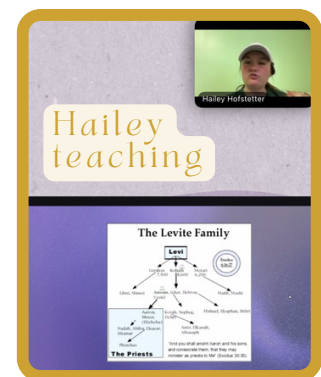
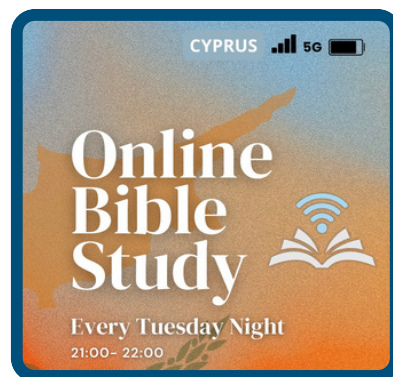
In the following days, the Parkers organised a Youth retreat for university student contacts they had made in the Turkish

Republic of Northern Cyprus. It was a time of singing and lessons. Calum taught on the Saturday and the Sunday of the youth event. Many were in attendance. One of the girls from Africa, Rabina, has been talking with and inviting her friend from home, Wayne from Zimbabwe (crazy that there are three Waynes here!). Sunday the 28th of June, the evening of Wayne from Nigeria's baptism, Wayne on the north side (Zimbabwe Wayne) also had decided to follow Christ! Two Wayne baptisms in one day—you cannot make stuff like that up. To differentiate in the future, Wayne from Nigeria will be called Wayne (south) since he lives in Nicosia. Wayne from Zimbabwe will be Wayne (north) since he lives in Gaziveren.

GLOBAL MINISTRY

WEEKLY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY TO COMMENCE SHORTLY

The temperature here is beginning to increase, and as such, we have noticed that residents of this island are beginning to reduce their time spent away from home. With temperatures expected to regularly exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit for the months of July and August, we have proposed to begin an online Bible study on Tuesday evenings. The hope of this is 2-fold: to make contact with those who are hesitant to join an in-person study, and to determine where else on the island we could also begin to visit and minister. We have had much interest previously at the prospect of an online study for the island of Cyprus—we look forward to seeing what happens as we begin to advertise the meeting at the end of this month.



FEMALE ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

It is crazy to think that over a year ago, or over 60 studies ago, this weekly online meeting began. Now, we are in the middle of the book of Numbers. All the girls were very kind and understanding when it had to be cancelled for my mom's funeral. A few new women coming who have come back more than once are Jovana and Danielle. One girl who got on actually reached out because of my website and was looking for someone to study with in Oklahoma. Her name is Anna, and I was able to give her contact info for a Christian woman near her. When reaching people online, my first priority is to share the gospel, but my close second priority is to emphasize and funnel towards local church. There are limitations on the ways I can minister to these girls or be there when they need me while in different countries or time zones. I am grateful for God's people everywhere and pray that there will be no one left wanting when they are seeking Christ and fellowship. Since last February when the zoom started, there have been approximately 239 total session attendances from 109+ unique students. I've been blessed with some amazing friends, and I wanted to give a shoutout to Hailey Hofstetter who has been able to teach on the zoom in weeks that I would have needed to cancel due to travel/illness (pictured above). It is great to have someone you can trust to teach well the word of God and to be so willing to help. If you know of any women / teenage girls who would like to join, we meet every Saturday 2pm CST. meeting ID: 878 925 13215, password: Jesus

CALUM'S CORNER



I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve in a teaching and preaching capacity with brethren in Cyprus. I've been spending a great deal of time in Acts for a number of reasons. The word of the Apostles is greatly revered in this part of the world—yet, over the years, as Paul and Peter warned us, their message has been corrupted by those who wish to form their “church” as they wish, not according to the biblical pattern. As such, I will be launching a podcast on the book of Acts in the coming weeks (cover pictured on pg 6).

LYDIA'S CORNER

GRATEFUL FOR YOU ALL

I personally want to thank every individual who sent messages, called, helped with airfare, visited, and attended the funeral after my mom's passing. She has gained what we all hope for each day. As we have mentioned, there are two other missionary families here in Cyprus, and they both were extremely supportive during this time. The Steiner family was in the States at the time and went out of their way to Tennessee for the funeral, even though we had only met a few months ago. The Parkers and Steiners are both kind families who are able to serve in other ways and to other people. This island is a lot to cover, and I am grateful for the combined effort of us all.



To Ricky and others...

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU for sending us Bengali Bibles and other resources. Amazon is not available in Cyprus, and living on an island means limited bookstores and shops with Christian material or Bibles. We extremely appreciate the time and funds it took you to send us items with no charge, and we ask God to help us use them to share the gospel.

To our supporters...

THANK YOU to all who have or are currently supporting us in this effort. We know that we could not be here without your generosity. Thank you. Thanks be to God for our partnership in spreading the gospel together. And a special thanksgiving for the Spring Meadows eldership for overseeing and helping us make this new work possible.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praises

- The people with whom God has connected us

Needs/Asks

- Quick learning of the Greek language
- continue to pray for our families in the passing of Martha, Lydia's mom

Souls who are Studying God's Word:

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| • Maria | • Therese |
| • Emile | • Phoebe |
| • Revel | • Mario |
| • Wayne (south) | • Rahul and friends |

New Disciples:

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| • Anna | • Wayne |
| • Wayne (south-Nicosia) | (north-Lefke) |

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