

Argyris' & Dina's News

"Serving Christ in Greece"

SPRING 2011



**Celebrating 25
years of marriage!
Praise Him for his
faithfulness!
Praying for a new
house!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is absolutely fantastic to celebrate 25 years of married life! What a great opportunity for a family party and pictures. We are happy to have in our tiny apartment in the Greek Bible College our parents, our siblings and our children for the occasion!

Argyris' big plans for an anniversary trip did not work out (one reason being last summer's USA tour) but he promised to try harder next year! Nevertheless, this anniversary was a great opportunity to reflect on God's provision in our lives from the first day until now.

- When we started our married life in our parents' vacation home while Argyris was still in school and working part time.
- When obeying His call for theological training we moved to Toronto with very little and God made us rich in friends and in experience.

- When we returned to Greece with our first two children and God provided a house and blessed us with great ministries as Director of LOGOS ministry and Pastor of the Piraeus Church.
- When four years ago we accepted His call into the faith mission and moved to the Greek Bible College with our three boys, and the Lord slowly has blessed us with churches, brothers and sisters that sacrificially pray for us and support us!
- Now we are at the verge of another big step forward in our lives. We are negotiating to buy a house five miles away from the College. Our mortgage has been approved and we hope soon to be in our new house.

Pray with us to experience further God's provision as our family expenses are going to rise by \$1000 due to our home mortgage.

Praise the Lord for you, our prayer partners and supporters. Thank you for playing a part in God's provision and His grace in our lives!

We are so happy for those of you that came on board for our journey and now are part of our story. Thank you for your friendship and partnership in Christ!

Argyris & Dina



Mark,
Erik,
Erastos,
enjoying
each
others'
company



Dina befriends victims of sex trafficking who are starting a new life

Dina continues in her ministry to prostitutes in downtown Athens in spite of the unsettling social problems of riots and strikes.

Praise the Lord for protecting her.

Pray for the continuation of His protection.

“F”, an ex-prostitute with relapses, is very desperate. A couple of weeks ago she was hospitalized after her second suicide attempt. Dina spent a whole day with “F” at our home. Argyris and the boys stayed away from our home so that she would feel relaxed and protected.

Dina is teaching her not only spiritual truths, but practical skills like ironing and cooking as well. Being in forced prostitution since the age of 15, she did not even know that in order to make spaghetti you need to first boil the noodles in water!

This relationship goes back many years. A couple of years ago Dina was the only person she called when she was arrested on Christmas day,

and Dina visited her in the downtown police station on the second day of Christmas.

Dina hopes to see her often, teaching her the basic life skills that a girl would normally learn from her mother, and to lead her to Christ.

Praise Him for “F” and her openness to Dina and the Gospel.

Pray for her to be saved and to recognize Christ’s Lordship over her lifestyle.

Dina continued her hard work preparing the first conference for women in southern Greece, that will take place May 20-21. She is leading a team of women that meet every other week. The vision of the conference is for women from different churches to come together and for each to bring at least one lady that does not know the Lord. **Please pray for revival among these women!**

Argyris' preaching ministry

Thank you for praying for Argyris' preaching itinerary.

In the first quarter of 2011 Argyris served the following churches...

- Piraeus GEC Jan. 2
- Chalkida GEC Jan. 9
- New Life Jan. 16 & Mar. 13
- Athens 1st GEC Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 20
- Corinth EC Feb. 20
- Chania FEC Apr. 1
- Iracleon FEC Apr. 3

Praise the Lord the meetings you prayed for went very well...

My talk at the **youth group** in the 1st GEC of Athens, my speech at the **parents' conference** of CEF on “How to Help our Children Become Responsible and Caring” and the **apologetic seminars** with guest speakers—each time more than 50 people participated.

- Jan. 15 at the 2nd GEC
- Mar. 12 at Patras FEC
- Mar. 2 & 9 at New Life Church.



Please pray for Argyris' preaching engagements:

- Mauromati Village FEC at Easter
- Thessaloniki FEC on Apr. 29
- Dion TV station on Apr. 30
- Katerini GEC on May 1
- Chalkida GEC Jun. 5
- Family Camp of Leptokarya on July 21st -Aug. 5th.

Pray for other important events in our ministry

1. The Bible School graduation
2. The 1st Women's Conference in Southern Greece on May 20-21

One of the reasons Spring is exciting for our students is our field trip that expands their horizons. This year we visited Crete, which is a rather challenging target due to the eight-hour boat trip during the night.

We had several obstacles that we had to overcome for this trip, and even one week before it was questionable if we would make it. But we persisted as we were encouraged in prayer, and it turned out to be a great mission trip! We enjoyed the fellowship and saw the ministry of three churches that we cooperate with: Chania, Rethimno and Iraklion. Although the weather was not so good, we had great blessings and spiritual bonding.

Praise Him for opening the door for us to visit Crete!

Please pray for a new generation of workers that will spread the knowledge of the Lord in Crete.

Greek Bible College mission trip to Crete



In Spring we see the results of the whole year of teaching.

The first year students are writing for my apologetic course a paper they present to the whole class. They refute an attack on the Christian faith or they argue for the Christian position on an issue. It is great to see them use the apologetic method for the Kingdom.

The second year students are writing an exegetical paper on any passage from the epistle to the Ephesians. They are using skills they obtained after two years of work in the Greek New Testament.

The third year students have already preached a 15-minute sermon on a passage from Paul and now they are preparing for their second message— 12 minutes with no notes on a narrative. I am amazed with their progress. We have already had a series of very good messages.

Praise the Lord for the spiritual growth we see in our students!

Pray for God's guidance in our students' lives in where and how to serve Him.



With a few of 1st year guys



With the 2nd-3rd year female students

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Who is supporting us?

Those of you who support us financially might want to know who else is supporting us. Here is that information:

First, we have **28 individuals** who support us from the USA and Canada, 22 of which are regulars.

Second, there are **9 churches** (3 Presbyterian, 3 Baptist, 2 Bible, 1 Community) who partner with us.

- Trinity Pres., Montgomery, AL
- Orangewood Pres., Maitland, FL
- Westkirk Pres, De Moines, IA (NEW)
- First Baptist of Arlington, WA
- Woodland Park Baptist, TN
- Calvary, Toronto, Ont.
- Signal Mountain Bible, TN
- Cornerstone Bib., Lilburn, GA (NEW)
- Morrisburg Community, IA

Thirdly, **the Scottish**, 2 Free Churches and a Trust who are supporting us through AMG Greece (Smithton-Cullooden, Nairn & Emmaus Rd Trust who financed my books).

And lastly, there are **4 Greek churches** who are supporting GBC to pay our social insurance to the Greek government. (1st Gr. Ev. of Athens, Gr. Ev. of Katerini, Free Ev. of Thessaloniki, New Life of Gr. and Globeworks Int.).

How we are doing financially?

Greece is struggling and at the verge of an economic collapse. Friends are losing jobs, brothers are needing help, churches are cutting ministries. It is very difficult to serve in this environment of angry people, of violent riots and daily strikes.

Please pray for the recovery of social peace.

As new missionaries we are still building our support base and we pray for believers and churches that will partner with us as we have not covered basic items of our budget.

We hope to see further results from our short trip last summer in the USA.

Please pray as there are more churches that are considering becoming partners with us!



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Teeming Diversity

It was a big surprise to see Argyris' face in Christianity Today!

The above page was opening the featured section of CT

on Lausanne III that took place in Cape Town last October.

As you know, I and four others had the privilege of representing Greece in this World Evangelization event!

I cannot express its importance so I invite you to listen to the key messages on the internet!

You will be blessed and challenged!

**We praise the Lord for those of you praying for us and sacrificially supporting us.
If you have not done it until now...**

**would you consider joining this small team of people and churches
who are surrounding our ministry with their prayers and support?**