

Malsteads News

December 2011

Dear Praying Friends

We want to send you Christmas Greetings in this year of 2011! Our prayer for you and for ourselves is voiced by the Psalmist in 90:14: That the Lord will 'Satisfy us (every) morning with His UNFAILING LOVE, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days'!

Our longest standing prayer partner, Vernon, who was our high school sponsor back at Downey, Calif. has gone to be with the Lord. We've known him since 1957 and then after 1961 when we went to Turkey, he has continued to pray for us and support us in many ways. He was always such an encouragement when we would meet which wasn't all that often. His widow, Allene, says that just before he passed into His Presence, he was staring intently at something. She asked him what he saw...he said "Jesus". What is happening? They're having a party...and it's for ME! A few hours he went to be with his Lord peacefully in his sleep. Please pray for Allene as she now grieves... but not as the world grieves.

Please rejoice with us as on 18th October, we received word that 10,000 copies of our DVD in Turkish had been duplicated in Istanbul! Due to a grant from a Christian foundation, these 10,000 copies are now being distributed in many towns, cities, churches and book fairs all over the land. PLEASE PRAY with us that many would see the DVD and be moved to want to read His Word... maybe for the first time!

Turkish DVD 'Premiere in Istanbul'! We are truly thankful to the Lord for the first public showing in Istanbul. Here's the good report we had back:

"Hello Roger, today (Nov 26th) at 4:30 pm the Premiere of the film at Altintepe church went well. There were twenty new people who showed up. And there were the regulars from the church as well. There were opportunities to share the Gospel with those who came to the church for the first time. In that regard, I was very encouraged. I was able to share the Gospel with several people as well. We should thank the Altintepe church. Brothers David and Artun gave out several thousand leaflets of invitation to the film. They put it on Facebook and sent out email invitations as well. Other leaders in the church, Ercument and Carlos, came and were very involved. Thank you for your service in the film. May the Lord abundantly use to spread HIS Good News through the film. Peace.

A word about the Silas Project: We have now handed over all our responsibilities of the Silas Project to others. Gifts for the various Turkish Christian workers that we've been supporting can now be sent to: TWO (Turkish World Outreach); c/o 5 Prospect Ring, East Finchley, London N2 8BP – marked clearly: For the Silas Project. They can issue tax deductible receipts if you request one. Thank you.

Yvonne writes: Meantime we keep in contact with these Turkish workers needing prayer and support. I'm looking forward to visiting them when I go to Turkey in January through March 10th. I would especially appreciate prayer as I visit the ladies groups under these leaders and have Bible studies with them. I plan to visit Antakya and then Diyarbakir during the first part of my visit. The last 3 weeks Gul (Gewl) comes to stay with me in Istanbul. We'll visit ladies' groups around the Istanbul area together, ministering as the Lord enables. It's so very easy to chat about Jesus with Turks these days but it's not easy for them to decide to follow Him with all their hearts. Do pray as the Gospel is almost 'too good to be true' to most that we chat with. Your prayers that eyes be opened to see Jesus and His Glory are so helpful.

Our children and grandchildren continue to do well and grow older. Being with our daughter Leila in Memphis is a real joy. The girls are more and more beautiful and maturing in their faith in Jesus. Greg and Mala in India are continuing to rescue girls forced into prostitution, and giving them a chance to really LIVE, knowing the One Who rescues us, and giving them an occupation to earn their own living expenses—making jewellery, which can be obtained on the website, www.ruhammah.in

I'll spend a few weeks with Heidi in England on my trip. She'll be spending Christmas with her brother in India together with her two children. Raymond and Stacey continue to be busy with their therapy work and raising their 3 precious but challenging children. We enjoy having a big part in their family. Their Cypress loves viewing the Jesus film, and acts out different parts of the movie beautifully. When she's asked to pray before our meals, she holds up her dish just like Jesus held up the boy's lunch of 5 loaves and 2 fishes and thanks God for the food. Grandkids are so much fun, aren't they?!!

Have a very Happy and Blessed Christmas,

Yvonne and Roger