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HELLO FROM ATHENS!

I feel that our first month here in Greece has really flown by! After a joyous reunion in the airport with my AIM partner, Aleah, (and then later, the Moreno family), we hit the ground running. Our first week was focused on MK education while Bro. and Sis. Moreno were out of the country. During this time, I was able to spend a lot of one on one time with the kids, and even had the opportunity to teach the youngest MK, Judah, how to ride a bike without training wheels! I am thankful to the Moreno's for opening their home and hearts to me, they really are family.

ATHENS



We arrived in Greece just in time for a lot of big changes at the church. The biggest changes being a new name (The Pentecostals of Athens) and a new location. With the new location came lots of construction and cleaning during our second week, especially with the very first service in the new building being a 3 day youth conference, Ignite 2025. The construction crews were still working, there were holes in the ceilings, and piles of construction trash everywhere. We were really walking by faith trying to get everything ready to go. But we made it, and God really showed up and moved mightily. There were guests from all over Europe (Austria, Italy, France, Norway, and the Netherlands), and even a few friends from Ohio (the Crowder Family) and California. The conference is truly an experience I will never forget.



WEDNESDAY WORSHIP



SALAMINA



EXPLORING WITH OMI



CLEANING



LEADING PRAYER



Since the conference, things have slowed down a little bit, and I feel that I have been able to settle in here in Greece. We are still assisting with finishing various odds and ends in the church with the construction. We have also had the opportunity to create a new Facebook page, connect cards, and visitor cards for the new church. I personally have been able to

branch out of my comfort zone and lead worship on Wednesday Bible study nights, as well as help lead prayer before one of the Sunday morning services. Wednesday mornings, Aleah and I have been going with an AIMing couple, The Smiths (retired missionaries to Bolivia and Spain) to give a bible study to a woman who wants fellowship, but cannot leave her home.

Greek independence day happened recently, and we went to the island of Salamina with some of the church elders to celebrate, and watch the parade. Aleah and I were also able to spend a couple days in the beautiful island of Crete. There, we traveled through the mountains to the south side of the island, got to feed goats, and try some of the best feta I've ever had! Every day in Greece feels like walking through the Bible and a history book at the same time.

MY FRIEND DENISE



CLEANING CREW

CRETE



ON THE FERRY TO SALAMINA

