

MARCH NEWSLETTER



AIMing in Greece

A LOOK INTO: MONTH TWO

Introduction



March has been a bridge between the quick work of event planning and the high energy, and (amazing) chaos that youth events bring. We spent the beginning of the month with our final “Team Meeting”. These meetings have been a great time to gather and discuss all of the current, and upcoming events. As well as spend time connecting as a team.

It was also a week of "Welcomes" as we greeted the Slaydon's, who were stopping through. Then to welcome several returning former AIMers, who came for a short visit and to attend our youth conference. There were several groups preparing to come from all over Europe, and two from America. It was such a blessing to see our team expand while leading up to the youth event. Our young adults have done an amazing job leading the planning, and execution of this event. My heart is constantly filled watching these young people lead and grow in so many ways.

Event Preparation, and Youth Conference

As we got closer and closer to our Youth Conference, the atmosphere continued to shift toward preparation. We didn't just prepare the building with a group of ladies cleaning; we also prepared spiritually, the day before the event we split into two groups with the young adults and walked through the neighborhood where the church is located. We passed out invitation cards to young people we passed, and prayed over the people we were passing, and for the upcoming conference.

We made a trip to a bulk-buy store to stock up for the crowds. We put together 'Thank You' bags for all the leaders, musicians, and speakers coming to serve. We wanted everyone who stepped foot in the church to feel the hospitality of Christ from the moment they arrived.



Event Preparation, and Youth Conference.

I also worked alongside Jed, and his sister setting up the new camera to begin using it as the main way to live-stream our services. This has continued to be a challenge that we are still currently working through! We are determined to try and get this camera working with our livestream!

We held "after-burners" following the services to continue the fellowship, after powerful endings in prayer and worship. One of the most unforgettable moments was taking the group up to Mars Hill, after our Sunday Service. Where some of our youth spoke about their testimonies, and then we all worshiped together inviting those around us to join in and be a part of the moment of worship. To hear modern worship echoing off of those stones as the youth gathered together in unity was a powerful declaration that the same God Paul preached about is continuing to move in Greece today.



New Opportunities

A big change this month was my move to a new apartment a bit closer to the church. This new location has already opened up fresh opportunities for ministry. It was actually during the move that I met a taxi driver named Makis. We had an incredible conversation as he talked about Athens and the area I would be in. We talked about church, and about Corinthos- which is one of my favorite places in Greece. It was a great reminder that every errand, or change is an opportunity to share the light of Christ.



Maria & Community Connections

My friendship with Maria has continued to flourish. We talk or text just about every single day. I've visited her at her work, and we've shared countless meals and coffees. A highlight was being invited into her home, where she made an incredible pasta dish for us to enjoy. Beyond my time with Maria, God has been opening doors with local shop owners and restaurant workers throughout my new neighborhood. Each conversation is a seed planted in the soil of Athens. I truly love the people I am meeting here.



Current Prayer Needs

Maria & Makis: That these friendships would continue to be bridges for them to experience the depth of God's love.

Technology & Infrastructure: Specifically for wisdom as we troubleshoot the camera and live-streaming setup.

Conference Afterglow: That the seeds planted in the hearts of the youth—especially on Mars Hill—would grow into a lifelong passion for the Gospel.

Community Favor: For my new neighbors and the shop owners I encounter daily in my new area of the city.

Thank you for standing with me in Month Two! Your support makes every prayer walk and every soul reached possible.

With Love,

