

We must work the works
 of Him who sent Me (us) while
 it is day; night is coming,
 when no one can work...

John 9:4

Dear friends,

One of the students at the Ezra Discipleship Center shared: "In this time, I've seen so many people around us who are simply waiting to hear the Truth. They are ready for someone to just take the time to explain, to listen and to share the hope of the Gospel with them. Before going out to evangelize, my prayer is always:

"God, send us people who are ready to hear the Gospel today!"

Would you pray this same prayer together with us?

We closed 2025 with great opportunities to preach the Gospel on the streets of Athens which were literally packed with locals and people that came from all over the country and the entire world to experience Christmas in the big Greek metropola. Thank you for praying for us, the students and the group of teenagers from Athens.

WINTER TOUR

- One-on-one conversations : 590
- Decisions for salvation: 36
- Contacts of interested people: 76
- Sketch-board Gospel presentations: 55
- New Testaments given: 59
- Brochures distributed: 15,521
- People watching the sketch-board: 645
- Boys that did the sketch-board for the first time: 7

RETROSPECTIVE: WHAT WE'VE LEARNED IN THE LAST MONTHS

- ... it's a **success** every single time the Gospel is preached **because the Gospel is worthy to be preached** no matter the apparent result.
- ... **challenges** are always necessary because: they show us that we are small indeed; how privileged we are to serve an Almighty God; they stretch our faith and deepen our dependency on Him.
- ... **difficulties** taken with the right attitude lead to good analysis and evaluation; give room to new ideas and plans for improvement; they push us to more personal and ministry **growth**.
- ... **vision**: as somebody said: *"Where there is no vision, there is no mission."*

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- Every Christian community in Greece to have a group of teenagers (girls & boys) to share the Gospel weekly to other teenagers from church, friends, neighbours, acquaintances & on the street; to be trained to make disciples that would make disciples (know & apply biblical principles); consider dedicating themselves 100% to evangelize & disciple teenagers.
- To create a 'greenhouse' that would provide new missionaries for every corner of Greece, Europe and beyond.
- Every Greek to hear the Gospel personally at least 3 times in a one-on-one conversation.

**ON THE FOOTSTEPS
 OF THE STUDENTS...
 (EZRA DISCIPLESHIP CENTER)**

- **December** in Athens: **Winter Evangelistic Tour**
- **January to mid-February** in the Republic of Moldova: Strasenii and Chisinau: **classes (Galatians, Pneumatology, Revelation), street evangelism, evangelism trainings in churches, youth meetings**
- **Mid-February & March** back in Greece: **discipleships, street evangelism in Athens and at the Carnival in Patra**
- **April** in Serbia (Belgrade, Novi Sad, Zrenjanin), Slovakia (Bratislava) and Austria (Wien) **street evangelism, evangelism trainings in churches, discipleships, working on homework assignments (Biblical Discipleship, Principles for Biblical Music)**
- **May** in Athens: **evangelism, preparation for the Summer Evangelistic Tour, discipleships.**

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GIANNIS IN ATHENS, GREECE

While sharing the Gospel in Athens, A. prayed to God to send him two young guys that he can disciple. Soon after, a big crowd gathered and among the people there was a mother of two sons, who was praying for a young man that would disciple them. She said that she was not planning to pass by that street, but when she saw our team, she wondered if we might be the answer to her prayers! That same day, A. met her sons also and made a closer connection with the older one, Giannis. Speaking with him, Giannis understood the grace of God and trusted Christ as his Savior! They have kept in touch since then, doing discipleship online. At that time, Giannis was doing an internship in a high school in Italy learning to play soccer. While praying for God's leading, he was accepted into the national team of Greece, and one of Greece's greatest and Europe's most fanatical soccer clubs (PAOK). He is excited to give everything to God and to use this opportunity to share the Gospel and influence this very special community.

A STUDENT'S THOUGHTS ON EVANGELISM

The Carnival in Patra is an event when the city is filled with young people from all around Greece who come to party and fulfil any sinful desire. While we were sharing the Gospel, many people said that they were going to hell, but that it didn't matter to them. When asked: "Why not?", they replied: "Look around. Who do you think we are celebrating here? God or the Devil?" Although Satan's deception was strong there, the Light of the Word was even stronger, and many people heard the Truth!

"At the Carnival, we had a perfect ground for sharing the Good News with people who are going astray in this world. We had many interesting encounters and despite of all the distractions, the Gospel message was shared and lives were changed! It was interesting to see how many of them stopped to listen to the presentation. Some out of curiosity, others to make fun of it. Either way, we were able to have many conversations with them and share the Gospel. We could witness how serious they became after hearing the Truth. People would open and ask questions, share their opinions and struggles about life. This encourages and motivates us to keep spreading the Word even more. Not everyone will always react positively, but our job is to minister to the lost and "snatch them out of the fire", as Jude 1:23 says."



GRIGORIS' STEP OF FAITH IN PATRA, GREECE

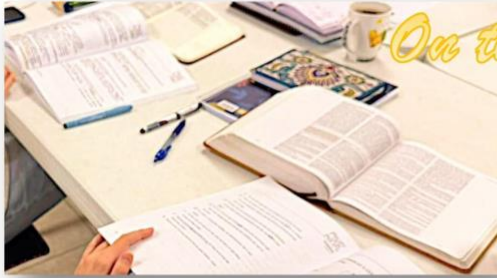
Before going to evangelize at the Carnival, Grigoris shared how anxious he felt because he had attended that same event before he trusted Christ. Returning now two years later as a believer, meant facing many people from his past. When we arrived, fear almost held him back from sharing the Gospel. At first, he said that he couldn't do any presentation because he was afraid of friends that might see him. But, after the first presentation was made, courage arose in his heart. He stepped forward and said: "I will do the second one!" Not only did he present the Gospel, but he also got the opportunity to meet and talk with two of his friends. They saw him with the sketch-board and asked what he was doing there. They also told him that they saw a change in his life, so this was the perfect moment to share openly about how that change happened. Grigoris had a long conversation with them, and he could see that they were thinking deeply about the Gospel. They understood it but did not yet make a decision to trust Christ as their Savior. Grigoris will continue to share the truth with them and his other friends and to be a light in their lives! We pray for their salvation and transformation and for Grigoris to stand courageously for his faith!



"The Gospel is worthy to be preached!"



Ezra Discipleship Center



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

In January, the students traveled to Straseni, Moldova, where they had classes on the book of Galatians and Revelation. We were able to connect with a growing church that is formed 90% by non-believing background members, who came to Christ through the church's evangelism. Together with them, the students shared the Gospel in different places in Moldova, inspiring and equipping them to do street evangelism with the sketch-board. The youth faithfully came to evangelize on the street, even in temperatures of 6.8 F (-14°C)! God bore fruit in the winter and we had multiple conversations for hours! Many people came to Christ and discipleships were started.

When A. was sharing the Gospel with a group of five, they said that they would only think about God when they were older because now, they were too young. Asked if they had ever lost someone their age, they said: "No." A couple of days later, there was a car accident, and two 14-year-old teenagers were hit, resulting in the death of one of them. Communicating with that group, I learned that the one who died was their friend. From that day on, we shared the Gospel every single day and God saved people each time! The next day, three other teenagers accepted Christ and were eager to meet to study the Bible. We met again before leaving Moldova, and they were very excited to learn how to read the Bible and share the Gospel with their friends at school. Pray for the church in Moldova and the newly formed group of teenagers that goes out weekly to share the Gospel with the sketch-board in their city!



SERBIA, SLOVAKIA & AUSTRIA

Because of an invitation to do a training for evangelism in a church from Wien, Austria, we decided to take advantage of traveling through Serbia and Slovakia. Together with the students we were able to visit churches, share about the exciting things that God is doing in Greece, train the young people in evangelism and go with them on the street to put into practice the things they had just learned

A 20-year-old man Nemanja (or Nemo) heard the Gospel the first day we went out for evangelism in Wien. He opened up by telling his story about the many tattoos on his body. He had experienced the worst that the world had to offer: lost his father when he was 13, became addicted to drugs and mixed with criminals. He was wearing a large cross and explained that two years before, he had experienced a moment of repentance and turned to God. Nevertheless, he was still very conscious of his sins and thought he was going to hell. We had the joy of sharing the Good News with him. He realized that he could never do enough to earn his way into heaven and that he needed to put his full trust in the sacrifice of Christ rather than in his own religious efforts. He gladly accepted the Gospel at that moment and went home to pray to Jesus, accepting Him as his Savior. The next day, he came to the center of Wien to share the Gospel with us! He was excited to hand out brochures and had his first conversation with a Muslim Turk. After that, he joined us for Sunday church service and is seriously considering coming to Greece for the Summer Evangelistic Tour.

"To share the Gospel is a privilege, a joy and a blessing." Giorgos



"Doing discipleship with someone is like having a mirror in front. The Lord is teaching me about the importance of growing in order to be able to help others. This is my passion now."

"On the street, Maria was struggling to understand that she is a sinner. When I began to read to her verses directly from the Bible, she started believing. It clearly showed me that I'm not the one that is bringing people to Christ, but I'm just pointing them to the truth. The Word of God has power in itself and I'm always amazed at how it works. Being a student at the Ezra Discipleship Center, God showed me many things about myself, freed me of many fears, taught me to put away my own desires and plans so I can serve Him better. To give to others is more blessed than to receive."

"As a student at the EDC, God has really been challenging me in these past 2 years, I had to humble myself many times, that is a non-stopping process, but it's very good because when God calls us, we need to humble ourselves in order to serve Him."

"Discipling other girls that just got saved, I see that they have a passion to know God and bring their friends to hear as well. It's really humbling when you yourself don't have that same passion, so it keeps you accountable to make sure that you are one step ahead of them. At the same time, to see them grow is such a blessing because you realize the areas in which you need to grow as well. God has changed me as I disciple others but at the same time I am blessed by somebody discipling me. It's very important to have somebody to pour into you while you pour into others."

"Before I got to know this ministry, I was really comfortable at home. I knew I wanted to serve the Lord and go out to share the Gospel. I started praying that God would make me 'uncomfortable' and put me in a place where I can grow and serve. He answered by bringing me to the Summer Tour, to the Vision Tour in the spring and then as a student. I understood how important it is to share the Gospel with anybody. I look around on the streets; I feel compassion and a burden for the people I see and I ask myself: Where do these people find hope? I can have peace all the time because God is on my side, but these people don't have that. That's why I want to share the Gospel more and more. There are many people out there that are ready to hear, they only need someone to go and tell them."

"The greatest contribution that discipleship has brought to my life was to understand the purpose and mission of the Christian life."

The BUS Project



In September 2026, the plan is for a new school year to begin with **24 new students**. During this program, students will receive solid Biblical teaching, one-on-one discipleship, and practical training in evangelism and discipling others. The goal is for them to grow in their faith, serve effectively, take the message of Christ to others and make disciples that make disciples. As we already shared, we make big efforts in this time to **PURCHASE AND RECONDITION A 50-FOOT LONG BUS** that will serve as a **mobile classroom/dining room/place for fellowship for 30 people, a fully equipped kitchen, food & supply storage, 2 washing machines, 2 dryers, 2 generators, 4 tons of water, 4 extra toilets & showers**. This will allow us to:

- teach and train the students more efficiently time-wise and money-wise since we travel and study each epistle of the Bible in the location where the recipients were, in unique places from Greece & Turkey, which is fascinating;
- do open-air evangelism in the area and in this way, support the local churches in their effort to reach others, giving them training and encouragement to continue themselves and see that it works.

Would you prayerfully consider being a part of a key step in the development of our vision and support this project if God leads and provides for you the means to do it? We pray to have it ready by September. We are now at 45% of the total goal of \$200,000. Would you also help by sharing about this with your family, friends and church?

IMPORTANT:

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all the monthly supporters, as well as to the donors of one-time gifts. Due to the transition we made in 2022 between Missions Agencies, we see the need to do a check-up so no one gets lost on the way. Therefore, we would like to kindly ask you to send us a short email (impossiblegreece@gmail.com) saying if you have sent or are sending your donations to **CENTRAL MISSIONARY CLEARINGHOUSE (CMC)** or to **CROSS AND BIBLE MINISTRIES (CBM)**. **These are the only places where you can send donations for the ministry of IMPOSSIBLE GREECE (Emanuel & Tereza Negru)**. Either one works very well and we are grateful for their willingness to manage the donations. THANK YOU!

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