



# theWheatley Word

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**Christos Anesti!** It's me Catherine, passing on the traditional Greek Easter greeting that means, "Christ has risen!" After returning safely home from Egypt, we celebrated Easter two weekends ago, going to the candlelight service, and chowing down on Lamb.

**He is Risen Indeed!** "Can I still do this if I don't agree with you?" Kostas asked Paul. We were running the show that night, while the staff was away at a retreat. From preparing food, organizing asylum seekers and homeless at tables, teaching a message, serving the food and cleaning everything up, it was all on our shoulders.

Paul explained to Kostas that he was teaching about the resurrection. Imagine sharing a message that is immediately translated into four languages: Greek, French, Farsi and Arabic. Paul masterfully told the story and explained the spiritual significance in phrases, told a minute or two apart, while each language group in the audience waited for translation. The opportunity was significant for many reasons, and everything ran very smoothly. Watching Paul teach with Kostas translating by his side was really exciting for me. It was one of those "I could see it!" experiences: I could someday see Kostas teaching confidently, inviting others to follow Christ, if only he believed. We pray that some day he will be able to speak with spiritual understanding and authority about the resurrection.

**Training & worldview** Earlier that day, Paul arrived before the rest of us to receive food deliveries for the meal. Yusef, a muslim guy from Casablanca, Morocco, came early to help. As they talked, Yusef explained that he was very interested in the stories told before the meal every week. Waiting hours for help to arrive allowed their conversation to get very personal and very deep. Yusef shared more about his family and his story, and as Paul did the same, Yusef asked more about Jesus. It's always such a blessing to be able to share the Gospel clearly, and that was written all over Paul's face as he recounted their conversation at the end of the night. Pray Yusef will turn to the Lord.

**Athens or Bust!** In 3 weeks, we'll host two teams of twenty for the Athens Summer Project! Students are coming from UT, Texas State, UTSA and Grace Bible Church in College Station. We're really excited to have 20 students to focus on each of our two main campuses. Please pray with us that this will be a fruitful summer, both in terms of seeing Greeks trust Christ and greater surrender in the lives of the American students.

**Change in Plans** Over the course of the past few weeks, we've been trying to make Oxford "work." As details unfolded, it turns out it was not quite the program we had once thought and hoped it would be. It is, of course, a great program, but it just doesn't suit our needs for the time being. We have stayed on-course to continue to pursue seminary...but we have re-routed ourselves, to the Oxford of Texas, Dallas Theological Seminary! Paul is already enrolled and registered for a full load in the fall. We are really excited to be back in Texas, near most of you and our families! We will have more details next month about how we will be serving in Dallas, and how you can stay involved with us.

**One Way** We have bought our ticket back to Texas, with no return flight abroad, which I must tell you, is very strange for me. This is the beginning of my transition back to America, and we'll be back just in time for July 4th! We have two months of continuing to initiate with students, leading the Summer Project, and wrapping up some very significant relationships.

**We love you and are so thankful for your prayers and support!**



*Paul  
&  
Catherine*



**At the Midnight  
Orthodox Easter Service**



**Orange Blossoms  
outside our Apartment**

**Please pray...**

- for the 43 summer project students and staff, finishing up support raising.
- for Kostas to know Christ.
- for good times connecting with all of our friends here as we begin transitioning out of Greece.

**It's Greek to Us!**

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**Pictures! Thoughts!**

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