



theWheatley Word

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"Kallo Pascha," or "Happy Easter" from Paul! While many of you were going about your normal, everyday Saturday afternoon on April 26th, we were celebrating Πάσχα, Orthodox Easter at the stroke of midnight Easter morning April 27th, passing along greetings of "Christos Anesti" - He is risen!, and "Alithos Anesti" - He is risen indeed! But that's not all that happened in April! We were busy, traveling to different parts of Greece to scout out other Universities, and hosting Josh McDowell in Athens. We even left the country for a weekend to renew our visas before Catherine's parents, Pat and Joyce Springle, came to visit during the two week Orthodox Easter break.

Scouting Across Greece One of our goals for this first year in Greece was to visit every significant university in the nation; a very realistic task in a country the size of Alabama. I went with the other men on our team to central Greece and visited four universities, and we even made our way to Meteora, a majestic cluster of monasteries perched atop strange rock formations. Catherine, on the other hand, went with the girls on our team to Corfu, an island in the Northwest of Greece. Essie, a third year student at Ionian University in Corfu, was sitting with her friend Joanna when Catherine introduced herself. As Catherine shared more about her relationship with God, Essie lit up. "I pray too!" As Catherine shared a simple gospel outline with Essie, she took the booklet Catherine shared from and held it to her heart. "This is what I believe!" Catherine encouraged Essie to pursue building relationships where she and others could encourage each other in thier faith. Catherine left Corfu hopeful that God would continue His work in Essie and continue to lead us to more students like her.

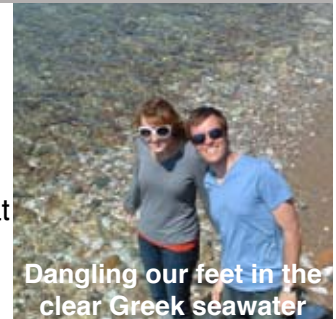
He Is Risen Indeed! Along with our trip to the midnight Easter service, we hosted students in our home for a team party on the last day of school before the students' two week Easter break. Our goal was to hear more about how our friends celebrate Easter personally. It was a blast! Kostas and his friend Rizos came, as well as Evangelos and Akis. They devoured our American cookies and snacks, and they shared some Greek goodies with us too. Altogether, we had twenty people celebrating Easter with us in our little apartment. At the end of the night, we gave each of our friends a Greek version of a Josh McDowell book about historical evidence supporting the truth of the resurrection. All of our friends were thankful for the book. We're praying that they would read them and consider Jesus' resurrection as more than just a hopeful story, but rather as the turning point of human history and the opportunity for new life in Christ. Please pray with us that they would believe that "He is risen indeed!"

Who's the Boss? At the beginning of the month, our national director Chris "Guff" McGuffey and our campus director Jeremy Apel asked us to step into new roles and responsibilities on our team. Catherine was invited to help Jeremy lead our team and give leadership to the women's side of our team. Both of us were invited to attend national leadership meetings where much of our ministry's planning happens. We already enjoy the additional responsibility, and Catherine fits well in her new role.

The Good Weather The Greek word for summer literally translates "good weather," and that's something we're looking forward to. Two weeks from now, twenty college students from UTSA, TX State and UT Austin will be coming to spend the summer working alongside us. We are busy planning for their arrival, as well as organizing their briefing and ministry times here. Please pray for their summer. **Thanks!**



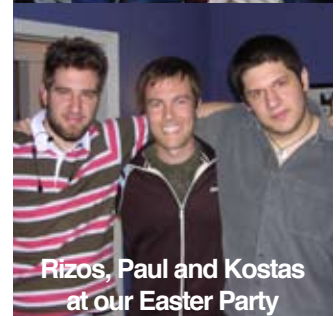
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Dangling our feet in the clear Greek seawater



With the Springles at the Parthenon



Rizos, Paul and Kostas at our Easter Party

Please pray...

- for Essie to find friends to share encouragement with at school.
- for Kostas, Rizos and the other students to read the book we gave them.
- for our summer team arriving in days.

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