



theWheatley Word

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Happy Thanksgiving! Hi! I just walked in the door from hanging out with some new friends at the Physics building, which has been a location for lots of new relationship building for me, Catherine. It's really fun to walk into a café and see at least two tables of students I know. We have so much to be thankful for!

A Reunion From behind my shoulder I heard, "Catherine? Catherine!" It was Veroi! I had been trying to get in touch with her for the past few weeks! As we caught up on how we spent our summer, she included that she couldn't stop thinking about the way Paul had talked about his faith and relationship with God when we met. At a gathering at a coffee shop downtown with lots of new friends earlier in the summer, Veroi told Paul that she grew up very religious but as she entered college she realized she had no faith and she was merely following rules. So she just quit. As I heard her explain that she couldn't stop thinking about the way Paul described his relationship with God, I was absolutely amazed. She realized she was 30 minutes late for class when her friend came and grabbed her. I sat there, feeling a little stunned, and very very thankful that God had protected her interest. Please pray that Veroi would come to know and worship God in Spirit and Truth.

Our Advertising Department is fired At the end of October, we went to a city in the North of Greece for the annual student conference, where all the students involved with Agape gather for a retreat. The day before we left, we met with our friend Anna for coffee, which is always a good time. She asked us our plans for the weekend, it being a National Holiday, everyone had plans to travel. We cautiously shared that students from different parts of Greece were gathering to talk about their relationship with God, to study the Bible and pray together. She looked aghast, "You really need to work on your promotions! I would have loved to go!"

Maybe we'll call it "Bible Talk." We immediately told Anna that we want to start gathering students for discussions regularly. Indeed, this is our focus for this next season. As a team, we have been really encouraged by the numbers of students who seem interested in discussing questions pertaining to God, faith, and the meaning of life. The time feels ripe to try to gather them together in "Bible Study" type groups. The term doesn't go over very well here, so we're still trying to figure out what to call these groups. Please pray that students' interest does in fact run deep, that they will keep their word and attend. Pray they will find the joy and fulfillment we believe they will find in reading the Word of God.

We are so thankful for: great friends, gyros, God's provision for all our needs, heat in our apartment, fully-functioning appliances, both a starbucks and a costa coffee in our neighborhood, progress in language AND that most people speak english really well here, bretzel bread, the exchange rate, our internet has worked for the last 6 months straight, a free seminary class this semester, feeling more "at home" here, our jalapeño plant is growing peppers, feeling drawn by the Lord to trust him even more completely, kempap, good laughs with greeks, and that they sell turkey in Greece. **And we are very grateful for you!**

*Paul
&
Catherine*



Enjoying a "Dring"



Anna & her brother
Kostas

Please pray...

- for Veroi to grow closer to God and know His forgiveness in Christ.
- for God to bring students together with us to study the Bible.
- thanking God for all He has blessed us with this year.

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