

GHTT Prayer Letter December 2024



Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Bülent and Gülcan. They are both so grateful for your prayers. On December 30th there was an armed attack on their church in Çekmeköy. Praise the Lord that there were no injuries. Please pray for safety and against fear. They have 3 young women running a social media outreach. They have reached an average of 150-200 people per week in December and sent out many Bibles. Please pray for them. The church is open every weekday for outreach and there have been many Bibles given out and many contacts made. The House of Prayer remains very active with 14 hours of prayer daily. It is also being used as a women's refuge. More news from them is to be found on the GHTT website.

Ali and Nergiz. Praise the Lord that they were able to visit Nergiz's father, who is seriously ill, and share the gospel with him. It has been a very tough time for them. Nergiz has been ill and hospitalised for a few days. They are in transition waiting to move to Kırklareli from Istanbul and struggling financially. Please pray for a job for Ali.

Şevket and Bilge. Many things to thank God for: 1 A Korean mission group came to work alongside them in Trabzon for a month and this has resulted in people attending baptism classes. 2 They have a new gospel team set up. Very positive. 3 Filming of Christian YouTube videos has started. 4 A group of 60 people gathered together for a Christmas celebration. Fun and laughter. 5 In 2024 there were 15 people who came to faith in Trabzon, and they also reached out to 300 more.

Their prayer requests are: 1 The American family working alongside them were deported just before Christmas. The family had served the church there for many years. Please pray for all affected. 2 Their car has broken down. The lack of transport is making life very difficult. Please pray for a way for the car to be fixed.

Ata and Maria. Thanking God for all his provision through Christmas with an event in Malatya, and two in Gaziantep, where there was an attendance of 40 people [at one event and 45 people at the other. Amazing numbers. So encouraging. Unfortunately the municipality turned down the application to hold an event in the community. Praying for: 1 Ipek who has started bible study. 2 For evangelistic trips in January to nearby cities, especially Killis. 3 For Eylül who is running social media and organising events. 4 For seekers close to faith; Ali, Ipek and Teoman 5 For baptismal preparation for Deniz, Can, Burak, Caner and Crystal. 6 For training for service for Eylül, Deniz and Mustafa. 7 For our health issues. 8 For the American family working alongside them facing deportation in 10 days.

Mehmet and Berivan. Thankful for your prayers. 1 Thankful for our Christmas church gathering - such joy. We were arrested by police as we distributed Christmas Day service invitations, but we were released without charge. Many new people have attended the church and one woman has made a confession of faith. Many new seekers are coming. 2 There are delays with the demolition of the building again and we have been told this is because we want to build a church. Please pray. 3 Thankful that Mehmet will be graduating with a masters in theology in January. 4 On January 15th the English speaking club will begin. 5 In January a team will come for 3 months and we are grateful to God that He has provided accommodation. 6 Pray for the church soccer team that we have started as an outreach. 7 Berivan starts teaching a course on Paul's letters, so please pray for good health and strength.

A huge thank you to all of you that pray. You are on mission for the kingdom to come to Türkiye. Please do not underestimate the power of prayer.

Paul & Lynda and Martin & Sandie are in the UK visiting many of you and your churches. Please get in touch if you want to meet up face-to-face.

Prayer

Heavenly Father thank you for being our strength when we are weak. Thank you for your promises that speak love and peace into our lives every day. Help us to trust your word and claim it to be truth. Please help us to wait on your perfectly timed plans, fully surrendering our lives to your leading in Jesus' name. Amen.

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