

Proclaiming Truth

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: To an Unknown God. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. Acts 17:22,23

Dear family and friends,



We are just back from a week in Greece with all of our children. It was great and awesome fun to all be together again and to catch up with them in person. We toured the usual sites in Athens, drove to Corinth and then spent some time on the island of Milos. I (Virginia) celebrated my birthday while we were there – the first time in 16 years that I was able to celebrate with all 3 of our children. They took us out for supper at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the Acropolis.

But what struck me the most was walking among the ruins of the many temples and seeing some small-scaled models of how it looked over the various years. We found the time when Paul was there – at the height of the city's prominence. One of the plaques for tourists mentioned that after Paul's visit, the worship of the many gods began to decline as Christianity took root.

Paul was faithful to proclaim the true God to those who listened and changed history. May we be as bold to proclaim the same God to those we meet who also are looking for something to worship.



Some stories from a recent outreach event: Pungutini Village is about 150km from Kilwa, really in the bush. After 4 days of preaching, sharing, and showing the Jesus film, 8 people made public confessions of faith, and many more came for specific prayer. The Holy Spirit was present in a real way. There were two significant people who came forward. One, Yusuf, the son of the local Imam (Islamic leader), came to Christ and joined us publicly for Sunday worship service. Second, on the last day as we were leaving, Hija, the son of the traditional witch doctor, a very influential man, came and said he was going public with his faith in Jesus and asked us to pray for protection for himself. Can you please pray for these new believers?

Praise and prayer for the Likawage TIMO team: All of the members have been cleared to come, but one of the ladies has decided not to join the team. Please pray for the remaining 4 ladies coming from Canada & the UK as well as the 2 couples coming from here in Tanzania as they come together on the 10th & 11th of November to join Musa and Marysiana and begin their team and ministry in Likawage.

Praise and Prayer for Shara: Please pray for Shara as she has knee surgery tomorrow (Tuesday the 26th of October). She is having a right distal femoral osteotomy. She will be on crutches for about 6 weeks so plans to come recuperate at our house here in Kilwa once she is cleared to travel from Kenya where she's having the surgery. The praise is that her appeal for her work permit was granted. This means that she can apply for her work permit and then her residence permit. This will still take some time – hence the medical leave now while that paperwork is being processed. Please pray with us that all of this will be finalized by the end of her recovery so that she will be able to return to Kondo and her team at the end of the year.

With our successful trip to Greece and back, we are confident that our US trip is a go, so we are purchasing tickets this week. We plan to arrive in Illinois in December and spend the holidays with family, travel down the east coast in January, visit some midwestern friends and churches in February, and return to Tanzania in March.

Thank you for your prayers.

Until the King returns,

Paul and Virginia

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