

**Prayer Requests:**

\*Pray that the church would grow in loving one another as Christ loved his church.

\*Pray for our pharmacist who we get a chance to visit with and drink tea with regularly (pic on next page)

\*Pray for relationships with families from the kids schools. Especially 'Dem' and his family.

\*Huge praise – Ashley's tumor is still stable and she has come off of chemo. Pray for transition off of chemotherapy.

\*We have received a 2 year visa to stay in country.

\* 4 people from our church were baptized a few months ago.



## For the building up of His Church

It is a joy to gather week after week with local believers. Turkey is such a lost country and in great need of the gospel. With over 80 million people living in the country there are about 3,000 believers. Then the number of pastors is very few. We are praying that men would be raised up to lead the church and that the church would flourish in the gospel until Christ returns. It is a joy to see about 20 believers each week gathering under God's word and singing praises to Him. We are so thankful for your partnership in the gospel that allows us to pour our lives into local believers. We are studying the local language in hopes of being able to communicate the whole council of God clearly, but we are often reminded of how much more we need to learn. Thank you for your partnership so that we can devote time to learning this language. We have progressed since we moved and it is an encouragement.

Matt has been meeting with a local believer from our church a few times a week named 'Hak'. 'Hak' is a man within the church who is being trained up as a pastor. He preaches regularly. Every Wednesday Matt and 'Hak' meet together to study the word and Matt trains him on what it means to be a pastor. At the same time Matt is giving him some theological training. Thus far, we have looked at topics such as humility of the pastor, membership of the church, purpose of the covenants within the whole council of God, and other topics. Please pray for these times. Matt has seen such humility in 'Hak' and a real desire to be taught God's Word.

Would you join us in praying for the church in Antalya. May they continue to grow in the knowledge of God's word and may this knowledge produce fruit of love toward the bride of Christ. Our prayer right now has been that the members of this small church would have such a desire to proclaim the gospel to their family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or whomever they meet. Pray that the church would be bold. Pray that they would not weaken the message of the gospel out of fear. And pray that many would join us in worship week after week.



*I thank my God in all my remembrances of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

*Philippians 1:3-6*

## Vision

TO BE SENT BY THE CHURCH,  
AS THE CHURCH,  
IN ORDER TO SEE  
CHURCHES PLANTED;  
SO THAT CHRIST ALONE  
WOULD BE GLORIFIED  
BY EVERY PEOPLE GROUP

## Family

Before summer began, Ashley had been in an intensive language class. On top of that she was meeting with a tutor, doing her homework, and meeting with other locals throughout the week. We are praying for somebody new for her to practice her language with. Pray that the Lord would bring someone to fill this need. And pray that they would hear the gospel through Ashley. I am so proud of her. This past month she had another MRI to checkup on her tumor. We are so thankful for your continual prayers. The tumor is still stable. The doctor decided to take Ashley off of chemo. This is a huge praise and we are so excited. May God continue to sustain her life. Pray for transition off of chemotherapy.

The kids finished one year of local school. They will go again next year. This has been a great blessing for us to meet other parents. Please pray that our kids would grow in their language ability and make many friends here. One family in particular has really wanted to befriend us. Levi's best friend is 'Dem'. We have gone out with his family a lot. We have shared what we believe. Pray that we would be bold in proclaiming the gospel to them. Also pray for Ashley as she is at home with the kids throughout the summer.

## We want to tell you about an opportunity to partner

Thank you so much for your partnership in the gospel. Last time I wrote you about an opportunity to give to help support the kids local school. We are so thankful for the support that we have received. We are still in need of \$6,500 to help cover their tuition, books, and uniforms. If you would like to give toward their school feel free to send me an email, or go to the give page below.

Or if you are interested in joining our monthly support team please send me an email ([matmcc5@gmial.com](mailto:matmcc5@gmial.com)) to set up a Skype call where we will discuss our vision and what this looks like to support our family financially. We are thankful for each of you.

To give go to: <https://ssmfi.org/missionary/5005/>

Please verify that you are giving to acct number: 5005

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**The kids out with Levi's best friend 'Dem' and his brother**



**Here we are with our pharmacist**