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What an experience Athens, Greece has been so far. I prayed for this opportunity for months and finally the time arrived. The Next Steps team & I have traveled throughout the city of Athens the past month instantly falling in love with the people, the church, the culture, the food and even the rush (IYKYK). I have been so blessed to be apart of the three week intensive training hosted by the Morenos at Crossroads UPC learning and gleaning from those who are so passionate about equipping individuals in the true meaning of missions.

THE MORENOS

THIS JOURNEY HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY FULFILLING. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM AN AMAZING GROUP OF MINISTERS/INSTRUCTORS, LEAD WORSHIP, PARTICIPATE IN DEVOTIONALS, FELLOWSHIP WITH THE WONDERFUL YOUTH OF GREECE, WORSHIP ON MARS HILL AND SO MUCH MORE.



WORSHIP ON MARS HILL

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LOCALS: “COFFEE SHOP EVANGELIST STYLE”

The connections Lisa and I made with the locals were deeply meaningful. With God's help, we could instantly bond with people by genuinely showing them God's love through intentional conversations. It's incredible how simply asking someone about their background led to sharing our faith journeys. These conversations eventually led one of our friends to confide in us about feeling “lost”. This moved us deeply, prompting us to arrange a small Bible study for him in Arabic, his native language. Witnessing this was truly eye-opening and reminded us of God's miracles. Additionally, we had the privilege of befriending Elena and Esther, two young ladies who worked at a souvenir shop we visited daily. They joined us for worship at Mars Hill and we had the opportunity to have dinner with them the same evening. Our bond with them was special and they will always hold a place in our hearts.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- FOR GOD TO SEND THE LABOURERS AND CONTINUE TO EQUIP THOSE WHO FEEL A BURDEN FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS SPECIFICALLY IN GREECE
- CROSSROADS UPC YOUTH/KIDS
- REVIVAL TO CONTINUE TO BREAKOUT IN GREECE
- THE LOCALS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LOVED, CONNECTED WITH & MINISTERED TO
- THE MORENO FAMILY (A PRECIOUS FAMILY THAT HAS POURED OUT THERE HEARTS ON SO MANY LIVES

“The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.” - Luke 10:2



YOUTH SERVICE WITH CROSSROADS YOUTH



MARS HILL WHERE PAUL PREACHED ACTS 17



WORSHIP ON MARS HILLS



POWERFUL SPIRITUAL WARFARE CLASS

There have been numerous memorable moments on this trip, but finding fulfillment in giving glory to God in everything we do has been the most rewarding. Seeing the spiritual growth in each NextStepper and youth member, and simply having the chance to love wholeheartedly, are experiences I will cherish forever. My prayer is that God continues to empower the NextSteppers and blesses the wonderful people of Athens. I am grateful to God for the 15 young souls who received the gift of the Holy Ghost, and I will continue to thank Him for those who will follow.