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Dear friends and ministry partners,

Greetings to you from Athens, Greece.

Fall is here and with the new season, new opportunities to share the love of God and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ are always present around us. As we continue to work through evolving Covid restrictions, we recognize that now more than any other time people are searching for meaning, hope, love, and redemption.

As I sit here preparing for another outreach with NZ, I am excited to see who the Lord will lead us too and how will He move tonight. How will the Holy Spirit touch lives and what transformation will there happen in the lives of those we meet?

Recently we assisted a young refugee woman who gave birth to her child. The birth was complicated and our friend lost too much blood. The hospital asked "her family" or close people to give blood or find donors to give blood on her behalf. With no family or friends in Greece, without knowing the Greek language, this precious woman was lonely in the hospital and her health at risk. We reached out to the community in searching for donors to help with giving blood, however, our efforts were in vain. I asked my friends and church brothers if anyone could help. The pastor of a Russian church reached back and asked if a woman could give blood. I said yes, of course. The only request was that I accompany the woman donor, as this was her first time giving blood. Of course I said, and then thought I will give blood too.

We met and I could hardly recognize the girl/ woman. Once in a brothel, now free in the Lord sister. Redeemed by the blood of Jesus, she wanted to give her blood to help another woman. "The blood of Jesus redeemed me and cleansed me"... "the little I can do is to give some of my blood to help another person...."

Friends, as we go out tonight, please pray for the blood of Jesus to redeem more of these precious souls.

Please pray for divine appointments and open hearts.

Please pray for protection – spiritual and physical.

Please pray for M from Rom who is in need of healing.

Please pray for N* from Iran for strength and restoration.

Please pray for me as I learn yet a new language (Persian/ Farsi) so I can better help the young traumatised women from Iran and Afghanistan!

With a thankful heart for your partnership and intersection,

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