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ATHENS, GREECE

## ONE OPEN DOOR

ATHENS, GREECE - In June, a refugee from Iran who could not hear or speak went to the Greek Council for Refugees (G.C.R), a social organization, for help with his immigration papers. The people at G.C.R. could not communicate with him, but an Iranian woman was there for her own legal papers. She knew sign language because her parents were deaf.

The man also needed a shower, clothing, and food, so was sent to Helping Hands, an ITeams ministry in Athens. The Iranian woman accompanied him to the Athens Refugee Center, where she had been just the week before. There they met Nader, the leader of the ITeams affiliated Persian Christian Fellowship.

"I did not know the man was deaf and mute until I noticed the woman signing," Nader says. "I was so encouraged that there was a way for him to learn about the Gospel. He listened and responded very positively. When I asked if he wanted to pray, he gave his life to Christ.

"God works in ways beyond our imagination. He led the deaf and mute man to the G.C.R. at the exact time a woman was there who knew sign language. It was God who sent her to Greece at the right time. It is God who opens doors of evangelism like this for us.

"All the glory belongs to Him!"



**Photo:** A worker (left) at the ITeams Athens Refugee Center (ARC) prepares meals for refugees (right). The ARC ministers to displaced individuals and families coming from all over the world.

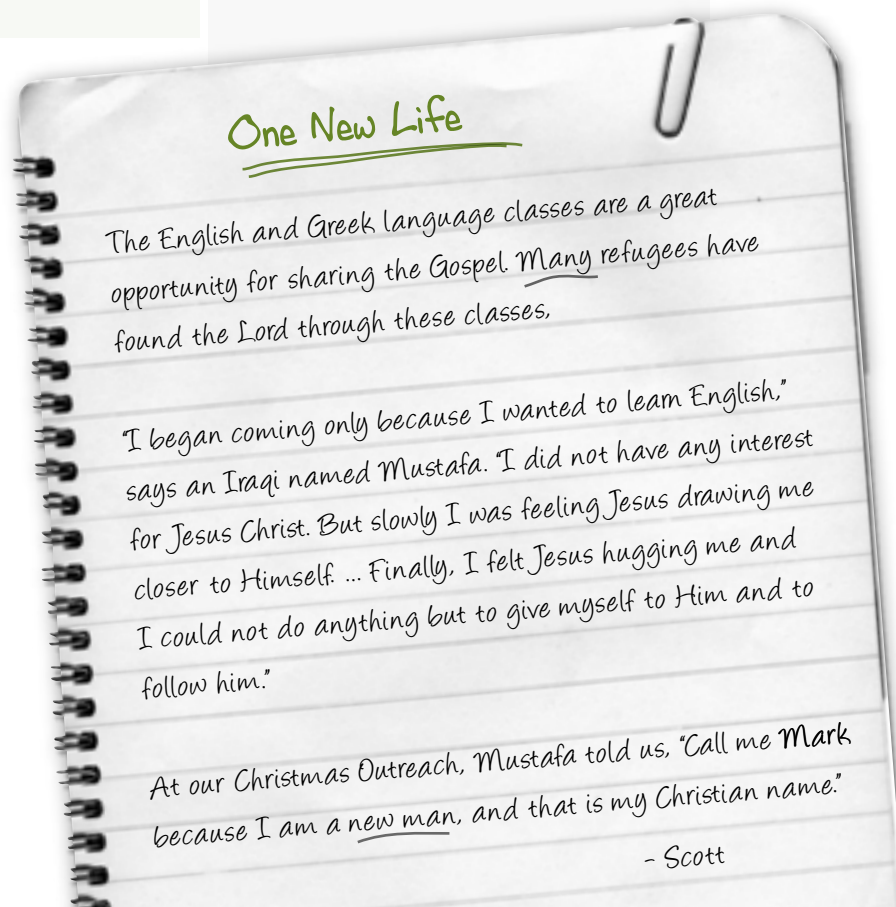
## SERVING IN ATHENS, GREECE

**More than one million of Greece's twelve million residents are refugees and ethnic minorities, many of them living in the greater Athens area. They include,**

Albanians	Kurds	Somalis
Iraqis	Ukrainians	Sudanese
Iranians	Filipinos	Ethiopians
Afghanis	Kenyans	

**The ITeams Athens Refugee Center (ARC) helps refugees in a variety of ways:**

- Providing food, clothing, and showers
- Language classes and tutoring
- Evangelistic literature and videos
- Bible studies and discipleship
- Job training



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The English and Greek language classes are a great opportunity for sharing the Gospel. Many refugees have found the Lord through these classes.

"I began coming only because I wanted to learn English," says an Iraqi named Mustafa. "I did not have any interest for Jesus Christ. But slowly I was feeling Jesus drawing me closer to Himself ... Finally, I felt Jesus hugging me and I could not do anything but to give myself to Him and to follow him."

At our Christmas Outreach, Mustafa told us, "Call me Mark because I am a new man, and that is my Christian name."

- Scott

## HELPING HANDS PARTNERS WITH CHURCHES IN THE GREATER ATHENS AREA TO OFFER PRACTICAL SERVICES THAT DEMONSTRATE THE LOVE OF GOD FOR THE REFUGEE AS A WHOLE PERSON.

### INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO GO (Athens, Greece)

##### DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Oversee, direct and organize ministries related to women and children; provide leadership, vision and passion; organize people and programs; help provide direction, coordination, communication, scheduling, prioritizing and recruiting.

##### CHILDREN'S WORKER

Oversee, manage and help shape the children's program at the Athens Refugee Center. This will involve training volunteers, directing a children's program for pre-school and school-age refugee children, evangelistic outreaches to children, and other ministry opportunities.

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#### OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

##### ITEAMS USA GENERAL FUND

A gift to the general fund at ITeams USA helps provide resources to create and support new and innovative ministries such as those that help bring the hope of the gospel to refugees from all around the world.

You can now GIVE online at [iteams.org/give](http://iteams.org/give)

#### ONE QUENCHED THIRST

ATHENS, GREECE - Nader and his wife Ella lead the Persian Christian Fellowship on Sunday afternoons for refugees who speak Farsi. Many believers come for fellowship and worship, but seekers are also coming to hear about God.



Photo: A refugee at the ARC reads information after viewing a film about Jesus Christ.

"It is amazing how God is bringing people who are thirsty to know about Jesus," Nader writes. "One Sunday in February, 2006, I showed the film, 'The Passion of the Christ'. When Jesus was beaten, one Afghan man went to the back of the room, not being able to watch. Another turned his face away. A third man was crying. At the end, an Afghan man said he had been coming for two years just for the food served at the end. But he was touched and asked for a New Testament ...The next Sunday he came again, and at the end of the service he asked to pray for salvation."

Please pray that the Lord will provide for Nader and Ella's support and continue to use them to lead many refugees to Christ.

