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Reaching the Nations through Athens!

Although we grant no degrees and offer no certificates, the ministries of “Helping Hands” function in many ways as a Bible school or seminary might: we prepare individuals from around the world to reach the nations with the good news of God’s love in Christ Jesus. Daily we welcome new refugees from across the Muslim world, offering a cup of tea and a simple meal in the name of Jesus. Our ministry seeks not only to provide for their physical needs (e.g. food, clothing), but also invites refugees to be a part of advancing God’s kingdom among the nations. We do not seek to

make converts, but disciples of Jesus. Historically, an important ministry for the discipleship of new believers has been “the Nest.” Due to certain financial limitations, the Nest closed in 2005. In December of 2007, we re-opened this important ministry and have been humbled to see God at work once again.

As the name might imply, **the Nest provides a temporary shelter for the physical protection and spiritual nourishment of homeless refugees.** This is not merely a matter of housing, but of creating a safe environment for new believers and spiritual seekers to become fully devoted followers of Jesus. Through weekly meetings with a spiritual mentor, accountability to a social worker, and access to a resource coordinator, we hope to offer a structured setting in which refugees (up to 20 at a time) can grow in Christ and in their ability to live and minister independent of the Nest.



God is at work in Athens! The first resident of the Nest put his faith in Christ two days before Christmas (and God used a fellow refugee to lead him to this decision)! We are constantly humbled by God’s call to join His work among the nations from this location on the refugee highway. However, ministry partners are needed to continue operating this outreach. Would you prayerfully consider partnering in this important ministry? How -

• **Join us!** Is God calling you to work among refugees? Volunteer your time at the Nest by teaching Bible studies or language classes, organizing resources, or simply listening with empathy to a refugee’s story.

• **Pray for us, please!** Without God's guidance and provision, we work in vain.

- Please pray for the *staff and volunteers* of the Nest - that we would seek God's guidance, trust God's goodness, and reflect God's character.

- Pray for *the refugees* whose lives will be changed by the opening of the Nest. Please pray for maturing believers and open-hearted seekers - and for their future ministries in Greece and around the world.

- Also, please pray for *the new refugees* that we encounter on a daily basis. Although the needs of refugees are often overwhelming, we know that God's provision is greater! Please pray for the physical and spiritual needs of these refugees.

• **Give!** Your financial gifts are greatly appreciated! We are in need of regular funds to continue this ministry. We estimate operating expenses of nearly €2,000/month. Give online at www.iteams.org/give (U.S. dollars only) - or simply send a check (payable to International Teams) to one of the addresses below - either way, simply indicate on a separate note that you desire your gift to go towards the ministry of "The Nest - Athens."

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For more information about the ministries of Helping Hands, please visit our website at <http://www.helpinghands.gr> - or for information specific to the Nest contact Brett Sanner at Brett.Sanner@iteams.org. As always, thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement. Your partnership in this ministry is indispensable.

Together With You,
His **HELPING HANDS**,



Nikos Stefanidis
Executive Director