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The Protestant Church of Smyrna

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Summer is birthday season for our family. We celebrate my birthday in June, followed by Mevsim's and Gulden's in July. Mevsim is always a little jealous that we celebrate mine first, but by the time her birthday comes around, she forgets all about it!

Gulden and Mevsim spent two weeks in Kazakhstan visiting Gulden's family. They especially enjoyed the cooler weather there; while it was 40 degrees in İzmir, it was a pleasant 20 degrees in Karaganda. Thankfully, they have now returned home safe and sound after a wonderful time with our family there. Mevsim has started playing volleyball this summer. She is now 11 and has grown significantly this year—she is already taller than Gulden!



Mevsim's 11th Birthday



Kazakhstan

The demolition of our old church building began last week. We had been gathering on the eighth floor of a business center for almost 15 years. We hope the rebuilding process will be completed within two years. In the meantime, we are renting the Anglican Church for three hours every Sunday. This arrangement really limits our ability to organize events and fellowship times. We pray the Lord will provide a solution.



As you may remember, eight believers were baptized in May. Two others had finished the Baptism Class with them but, for different reasons, were unable to be baptized until this summer. One of them returned from college for the summer and was baptized in July. This young man's testimony is living proof of the active work of the Holy Spirit in Türkiye. May the Lord continue to work in his heart and cause the seed of the gospel to grow.



Four new people have begun attending our church in the last two months. They are now taking Foundational Classes, along with eight others. Some have already confessed their faith and declared Jesus as their Savior and Lord, while others are still learning and waiting for the right time. We hope and pray that all twelve of them will begin the Baptism Class in October.



August 2025, Ephesus

Church News

- **Book Club:** We have just finished reading John Piper's book, "Don't Waste Your Life." We plan to start a new book in the middle of November, Lord willing.
- The second volume of Calvin's "Institutes of the Christian Religion" is scheduled for publication this month. The publication process included an additional round of editing to ensure the translation is accurate and free of major errors.
- Choir practices are set to begin on November 14. We will be preparing four hymns for our Christmas celebrations.

Prayer Requests

- We continue to welcome between 10 to 15 guests every Sunday. While many visit our church only once, some have begun attending regularly. Please pray for them—that the Lord would save them from their sin and rebellion and grant them rest in His Spirit.
- Please also continue to pray for our building situation. We ask that the Lord would provide us with a permanent place at the right time, according to His will, and grant us the patience to wait faithfully for His provision.

Thank you for your prayers and support!