

# Jenkins Jazz

**PROCLAIM!**  
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## GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

- 1 It is strategically located at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa.
- 2 It is roughly the size of Alabama with more than twice the population (over 11 million).
- 3 Their ancient culture and philosophies were the foundation for modern democracy.
- 4 Theirs was the main language used to write the New Testament.

*NEED A HINT? ITS NAME SOUNDS JUST LIKE THE TITLE OF AN OLD JOHN TRAVOLTA/OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN MOVIE.*

The answer: **GREECE!**

## CHALLENGING TIMES

For the second year a bunch of Florida Bluegrass believers known as **SOUTHERN CROSS** will go to Greece at the invitation of Greek Christians dedicated to declaring the good news of Jesus Christ in a country experiencing increasing turmoil. Mounting national debt, immigrants pouring across its borders, rising unemployment, and other woes, have left many vulnerable and asking important questions. We are so encouraged by the boldness of our tour coordinator Mihalis Litsikakis with AMG International who does not hesitate to brave the fragile cultural and economic conditions for the sake of seizing unique spiritual opportunities. Again this year we will serve church planting, addiction recovery, and university campus ministries, refugee centers, and homeless shelters.

Jeff Westcott Photography



JIM

GREG

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NELS

ISAAC

PASHA

## WHY A MUSIC GROUP?

Why not just send financial aid? I never cease to be amazed at the power of music to communicate to the hearts and minds of people. So when genuine Christians couple their testimonies with powerful music — people respond. These national leaders did not ask for money, they asked for people! People who would stand with them shoulder to shoulder to present the message of transformed lives through Jesus Christ. In our ministry last year, visitors who had been resistant to outreach attempts were drawn in by the music and then attracted to the authenticity of what they experienced. Many have now given their lives to the Lord and continue in fellowship while others are still “in process.”

## HERE IT COMES!

You knew this was coming: **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** You have always been such faithful friends of our ministry in Proclaim. Kathie and I are dedicated to leading this awesome team October 3-19 in Greece, but ***without funds in our monthly account to cover our expenses we are depending on special gifts. The total we need to raise for the tour and flights is \$5600.*** Any gift small or large will help bring dividends of changed lives for Christ. Money tight right now? How about doing your own garage sale or some other event? As always we ask you all to cover this time with your prayers.

**PLEASE PRAY** also for additional fund raising we are doing as a band. This year we are recording a CD to help with advance promotion of the tour, and we have a desire to commit extra finances to help our ministry partners in Greece in these difficult economic times. We have been doing things through the year to help raise money for that, such as garage sales and fund raising concerts. Please pray for generous giving at the events we will have this month before we go. We look forward to reporting how God has supplied and enabled us to —

***DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS,  
HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS AMONG ALL PEOPLES.***

*Psalm 96:3*

**SOUTHERN  
CROSS**

This a joint effort of Proclaim! International and Christian Family Chapel.

*Jim*



Fathers Day 2015

## Family

Our summer took an unexpected turn in mid-June when my dad’s health started declining dramatically enough that he needed to go into healthcare. I went up to Indiana to help my brother and sister in that process of getting him moved into Grace Village right across the road from his home. The transition was difficult, including unforeseen complications with qualifying for medicaid, but God provided and sustained us through it all. After 10 days he was adjusting, and enjoying being with many longtime friends. And the timing of the trip, totally unplanned by me, allowed me to spend an unforgettable Father’s Day with him. Leaving him was difficult, but my previously scheduled plans to return only three weeks later helped ease the sadness of that goodbye.

Then only four days after my return home I got an early morning call that Daddy had died. A heart attack was the

diagnosis. So after a week at home I headed back for all the family activities and business affairs, which kind of seems like a blur! Jim and Jami came before the memorial service on July 11 and then we all flew home together. Again, we saw God’s hand in it all. The memorial service was everything we could have hoped for with the music, the tributes, the fabulous meal provided for over 100 family members—we were so blessed and overwhelmed by the outpouring of love for my dad and appreciation of his life and impact on people. And all to the glory of God.

*Kathie*