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Greece 2016 Ministry Needs: \$20,250

Funding the **Greece Country Support Account (CSA)** will help resource the following strategic initiatives:

- Thessaloniki church leadership development
- Prayer room
- CCP ministry
- Jason's Place Guest Services
- Syrian refugee crisis relief work
- Set Free human trafficking ministry
- Travel expenses for ministry in Europe and region
- CSA promotional materials

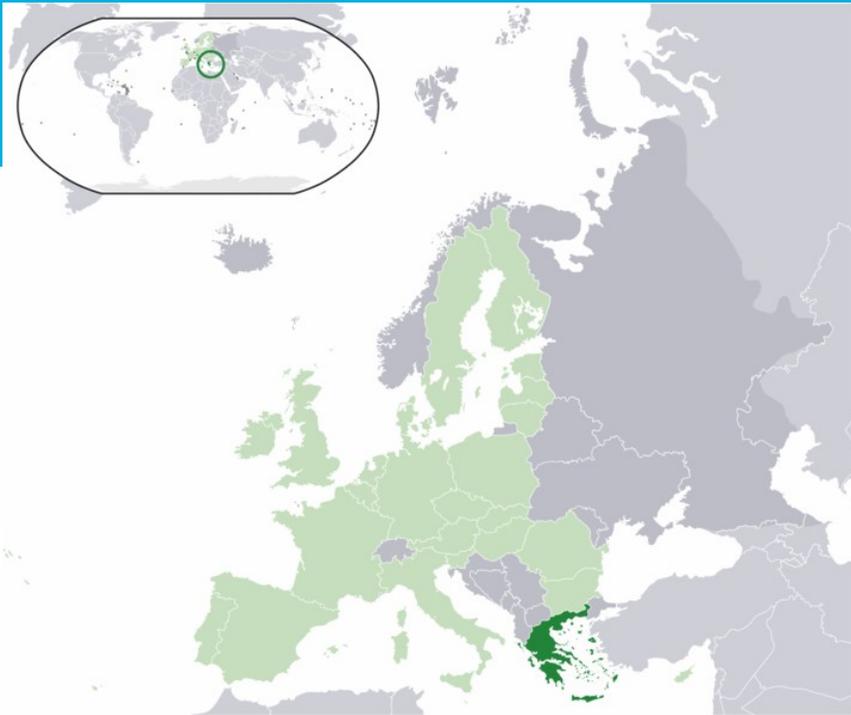
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Church-in-Formation

- Population: 10,775,557
- Evangelical Christians: 0.4%
- FM Work Opened: 2000
- FM Churches: 1
- FM Membership: 50
- Ordained Elders: 1
- Missionaries: Michael & Maria Long
- Overseer: Josh Fajardo

The Free Methodist Church in Greece

Origins

Paul Pappas was born in Greek Turkey but left for the United States when he was 14 to escape the Turkish genocide. After graduating from Asbury Seminary, he returned to his homeland in 1947. There he proclaimed the gospel, and five evangelical churches were formed. Fifty years later, in August 1997, his niece, Maria Long, and her husband, Michael, started ministry as the first Free Methodist long-term missionaries to Greece. In September 2003 a Free Methodist fellowship was established in central Thessaloniki, close to the spot where the Apostle Paul first preached to the Thessalonians. In 2012 the congregation relocated away from the city center to a former warehouse district.

Present Ministries

The Thessaloniki Balkan Church includes Greek members, as well as those from Bulgaria, Albania and Africa and encompasses various language groups. This multilingual congregation has a vision to birth many other ethnic congregations. St. Jason's House of Prayer has recently been established to serve as a place of prayer for Greece, the Balkans and all nations. The 2015 immigration crisis in Europe has provided the church with many ministry opportunities. Members of the Thessaloniki congregation are serving at refugee camps in the Greek islands while other minister regularly to refugees passing through the Greek/Macedon border.

Outreach to the World

Network connections and ministry partnerships have been formed in Albania, Macedonia (FYROM), Kosovo, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Turkey.