

Our news:

First of all, we would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have been thinking and praying for the *On the Way* ministry.

We are living in very difficult times. It is especially hard for homeless people. Loneliness has been a great obstacle for them. The quarantine, the shops being closed is even harder. As well as access to the toilets.

We would like to mention what actions we have been taking this period:

- «Social Breakfast»: We offer one of the basic meals of the day every Tuesday and Friday.
- **«Care Package»**: Every Thursday we go out in teams, hand out a package and try to get to know as many people as we can.
- **Christmas Package**: We had the pleasure of giving a Christmas package during the holidays that had necessary items for our friends who are living on the streets.
- **Christmas Eve:** On Christmas Eve, as we could not have a celebration due to the lockdown, we distributed melomakarona (Greek traditional sweet) and soft drinks to the people we support.
- **New Year's Eve**: On New Year's Eve as we could not have a celebration due to the lockdown we will distribute cookies, cake and soft drinks to the people we support.
- Offering Communities: In collaboration with the ministry "Exit" we created small offering communities, which aim to collect things for the "Social Breakfast" and the "Care Package". We had the pleasure of collecting things from all over Athens and several areas of Greece.
- You have mail: As we wanted to activate people who want to help but cannot be physically present with us because of the lockdown, we thought of everyone making Christmas cards and sending them to us. This program has had very positive results.
- Follow up after the homeless shelter: A man who lived in the homeless shelter asked us for help to find a refrigerator, a cooker, and a sofa for his new home. On the exact same day everything was found and he was very happy about it.
- «Barber on the Way»: Barber on the Way continued normally and went viral. A photo that was posted
 online made the ministry better known to the general public and we were pleased to know that one of
 our outreaches affects society in a positive way.

If you want to be part of this effort please send us an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

With great appreciation,



Please read the following story:

George (this is not his real name), whom we would meet every time we went out on Boukourestiou street. It is a main pedestrian street in the center of Athens and has some of the most expensive shops. George is always there discreet, taciturn, and protective of others.

One night we went out and he told us: "Dimitris told me that you helped him with his tax return papers and his pension". We answered "Yes" and informed him that we could help him too.

The next day he came to the office and we helped him filled out his tax return papers that he hadn't done for 15 years, we informed him that he had to open a bank account, and that he could get 200-300 euros from the Social Solidarity Allowance. George arranged everything in less than 3 weeks and is now able to rent a house.

One day he told us with tears in his eyes: "Folks, thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you have done for me. Thank you because you never looked down on me, you helped me and supported me regardless of my beliefs. Thank you for always having time to listen and encourage me. God bless you"

«Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord». Luke 2:11



















