

# *In Mission in* **GREECE**

Jozie Lindhout from Antioch Baptist and Ruby Patterson, from Lillington Baptist are on the Woman's Missionary Union State Teen Panelist team that will be traveling on Mission to Greece from July 1st-11<sup>th</sup> (along with thier mothers).

This missions team will partner with local congregations in Athens and Thessaloniki to serve refugee families and encourage local believers who are faithfully ministering in their communities.

## **In Athens:**

- The team will help lead a Vacation Bible School for refugee children and families.
- Through games, songs, Bible stories, and activities, the team will share the love of Christ with children who have often experienced disruption, loss, and uncertainty.
- For many of these children, this may be a rare opportunity to experience joy, safety, and encouragement while hearing about God's love.

## **In Thessaloniki:**

The team will help host a camp designed to bring encouragement and hope to people who have experienced significant hardship and displacement.

### **During the camp, the team will help provide:**

- Activities and encouragement for children
- Fellowship and support for families
- Opportunities for conversation and friendship
- A chance to hear the message of the Gospel and the hope found in Christ
- Moments of kindness and presence that can help create space for healing, trust, and meaningful spiritual conversations.

## **How You Can Be Part of This Mission**

### **Pray**

- For safe travels for the team
- For the children and families who will participate in VBS and the camp
- For local churches in Athens and Thessaloniki
- For open hearts and meaningful conversations about faith



### **Support**

- Help send and equip the Jozie and Ruby going to <https://bit.ly/47eMf9l> or scanning the QR code with your phone. When it asks how to apply your donation on the pull down menu click "other" and then type "LRBA Greece" in the box.

Thank you for your love, prayers and support! ❤️ Ruby and Jozie

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## **THE NATIONS ARE MEETING IN GREECE**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

As one of the main entry points into Europe for refugees fleeing war, violence, and persecution, Greece has become a place where people from many nations, cultures, and backgrounds are meeting—often during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. Through partnerships with local congregations in Athens and Thessaloniki, our mission team has the opportunity to serve, encourage, and share the hope of Christ with refugees and to work with local congregations to reach the lost native Greek people.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Lostness in Greece**

- Although about 90% of Greek citizens identify with the Greek Orthodox Church, **many people describe their faith as cultural rather than personal.**
- Evangelical Christians **make up less than 1% of the population in Greece.**
- Many Greeks have **never been invited to read the Bible together in a small group or hear a clear presentation of the Gospel.**
- Local evangelical congregations in Greece are often small but faithful, **and they greatly value encouragement and partnership from other believers.**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Refugees in Greece**

- Greece hosts over 200,000 refugee and asylum seekers, **but is slightly smaller than the state of North Carolina, which hosts around 80,000.**
- Many refugees come from closed countries where meeting a Christian or hearing the Gospel openly has been very difficult. Greece, therefore, becomes a safer place for people of other faiths to interact with the Gospel.
- Simple acts of compassion—friendship, conversation, prayer, and serving children—**can open doors to hope and healing.**