

The Bible Chapel Missionary Team

THE BIBLE CHAPEL

THE BENSONS

Pseudonyms for reasons of safety

Turkey

Greg grew up in western PA and studied architecture at a local university, while Debbie grew up on the east coast and received her degree in nursing from a New York college. They met and were married in the Midwest, joined their mission agency in 1987, and headed for Turkey.

Throughout their time there, the Bensons have reached out through newspaper, radio, TV and now the Internet, and have followed up with these contacts, spreading the Good News of the Gospel however they can. They have spent most of the past 27 years discipling a local church of Turkish believers who have a Muslim background. Now that they have established Turkish leadership in the church, the Bensons' role has shifted to mentoring and training leaders and "watering" the church in whatever ways are needed.

In 2009 Greg became the director of a ministry that provides biblical "head-heart-hands" training to the Turkish Christian movement in Turkey's major cities. Debbie ministers to the many refugees who have flooded into Turkey as a result of the war in Syria. She also disciples women in their local church and reaches out to unbelievers through friendship evangelism.

The Benson's two oldest children, a daughter and son, along with their spouses and four children, live and work in two neighboring countries. Their next son and his wife live in the US where he is finishing graduate school, and their youngest daughter graduated from a US college in May 2018.

Praise

The Bensons are thankful that Gregg's conference in a neighboring country went well and that they got to spend time with their two granddaughters. Their daughter's third baby is due in August!

Praise God for a beautiful Easter celebration at the Benson's church!

The Gospel message was clear and many friends and family visited that day. It was standing room only!

Debbie is thankful for a successful surgery on her legs.

Prayer

Pray for lasting fruit from the Gospel that was shared at the Easter service.

Pray for Gregg as he begins teaching a new series on the Old Testament this month. He is teaching in a different city and will be taking a four-hour train ride and spending the night in order to teach this class. Pray that God will do amazing things through this class.

Pray for the church as they plan a church retreat for April 21-23. They haven't done something like this in a long while and they need God's help in planning and in their time together.

Pray for Debbie as she recovers from varicose vein surgery. The weather is warming up and she is able to walk more to aid her recovery.

Pray for the Benson's trip to the US April 24-June 6. Their youngest daughter graduates from college.