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Charlie Bone touching the sky as our Wild Olive project takes off

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Great is His Faithfulness

Praise the Lord, our Wild Olive project is now officially up and running! It's been a long and bumpy track to get here but God has shown Himself to be a keeper of His promises by establishing us on this 65,000m² olive grove, which He first highlighted to us back in Autumn 2019.

Over the last 3 months He's helped us tame this wild place by sending a team of 2 x interns, 2 x refugee workers and even 6 x trainee emergency rescuers one day each week. We're so thankful for the funding to buy tools and equipment as well as other resources and incredibly supportive project leadership contributed by this land's owners, EuroRelief. Perhaps most excitingly our Tent of Meeting - so long an unwelcome item of furniture in our living room - is now rigged and ready for action!

The vision for this land is as huge and holy as ever. Please keep praying God's will be done, and that His Spirit be poured out exceedingly abundantly in this very special place.

This year Emily and I would really appreciate your End of Year gifts!

Our regular support remains very low - typically under £500 per month - and so we rely on one-off gifts to sustain us as a family. If you can make a donation, please find giving details on this update's final page.



A Still, Small Voice

If we're honest, we've battled disappointment and discouragement as we've exited a long and challenging summer season here on Lesvos.

Our vision (recap it here! www.lifeinmoria.com) is big and bold. In 2021 we have prayed for the spectacular, not least revival in the refugee camp! As mission teams have come and gone - and as specific prayers for healings have gone unanswered - it has become undeniable that what we've hoped for is not what has come to pass.

Despite this, God remains faithful - praise His name! We've discovered a strange hope (in the unexpected sense) that the season ahead will be one of renewal and realignment for us. He wasn't in the wind, the earthquake or even in the fire. But praise God *we've found Him in the still, small voice!*

This month we're taking time out to rest in Athens. Please pray for renewed hope and a reordering of love in our lives. We only desire to enter His rest and discover the sustainable, abiding-not-striving and trusting-not-trying Jesus lifestyle our hearts know is possible. Let it be Lord!

Even in the loneliness of pioneering and in our most challenging moments as a young missionary homeschooling family, He is making a way where we do not always see one. Thanks to His shaking, our faith is less shaky than ever in late 2021.



Praise Him for His faithfulness: Our Tent of Meeting is now rigged and ready for action!

Mission School on Lesvos

We're super excited to announce our new Mission School, launching in 2022!

For the last 3 months Charlie Bone (20, from Wells!) and Mikayla Clarke (21, from NZ!) have helped us pioneer something very special, which we believe is the future life and soul of Letts Go.

From today we're inviting more passionate + hungry-to-learn young people to sign up for an intimate + intensive 3 month mission school, which God willing will kick-off in Spring 2022.

What should you expect from this?

- Volunteering 2 days / week with EuroRelief in the midst of Europe's refugee crisis.
- Leading on our Wild Olive project 3 days / week as we seek His face on a 65,000m² olive grove opposite the once infamous Moria camp.
- Community vibes in Life in Moria weekly Bible study and prayer & worship meetings.
- Weekly 1-2-1 and small group mentoring.
- An orientation (week 1) and retreat (week 7) on Lesvos, plus debrief (week 13) in Athens!
- Community living with up to 4 other interns.

Our goal is to develop this unique internship over the coming years as a fast-track into missions.

Watch this space for full details on a brand new website - www.missionschool.life - coming soon!

Or get in touch today to discover more and for details of how to apply.



WHAT WE NEED

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for the mission school / internship programme we intend to set up in 2022.
- Specifically we're looking for a handful of 18 - 25 year olds who will come and serve with us on a 3 month tourist visa in 2022. Pray for Him to stir up the His chosen young people and somehow make us known to them!
- Pray for our family life and for a blessed time of renewal and realignment as we rest in Athens.

PRAISE REPORTS:

- Thank God for Charlie Bone's call to serve with us on Lesvos long term. He will lead alongside us on the mission school and generally serve as our much needed "right hand man!"
- Praise God that our veg box project - now supporting an incredible 18 Afghan families weekly - has been 100% funded by a supporter of the farm project which supplies the veg.

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I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Psalm 2:7-8 (NKJV)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Our support continues to be a challenge! We would love to do more support-raising but realistically it will be summer 2022 before we make it back to the UK. Until then we're trusting God to keep sustaining us through your gifts, as He has done so faithfully and miraculously until now.

If you feel moved to join us in this Holy Spirit adventure, whether giving one-off or regularly, we trust the Lord will bless you as you bless us in enabling His *extraordinary exploits* on Lesvos.

Please give as the Holy Spirit leads you by donating to the 'Father's House Shaftesbury Benevolent Fund' (Charity Reg 296195) with the narrative 'Letts', making sure you also complete a GiftAid declaration if applicable:

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