



Greece has often been called "the cradle of Western civilization" and not without cause.

The Ancient Greeks were the first to embrace democracy, while their philosophy, arts, and architecture have set an example to the western world that has endured for millennia.

Though time has taken its toll on the relics of past ages, the Parthenon at the Acropolis in Athens, ancient Corinth, and other ruins abound throughout Greece and continue to draw people from all over the world.

Greeks are cheerful, hospitable, fun-loving, often unpredictable, but always full of contagious enthusiasm. History has moulded them into a single nation embracing countless generations.

The spirit that made this incredible land what it was 25 centuries ago, a very small corner of the earth that exercised an influence out of proportion with its size, still persists.

Eastern Orthodox Christianity is the dominant religion in Greece and receives state funding. During centuries of Ottoman domination, the Greek Orthodox Church preserved the Greek language and cultural identity.

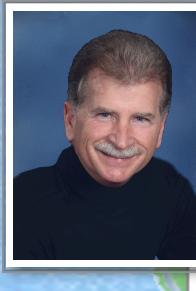
Religion however is seldom found to favor the "Good News" of Jesus. The Greek Orthodox Church as the official state religion of Greece holds influence over many aspects of government. The country does not grant long-term visas for missionary work and is resistant to evangelism.

Current economic turmoil and upheaval is shaking the nation and culture. This environment can be used as an opportunity to shine light and hope in darkness of disillusionment and despair.

I have been the unique opportunity to go to the otherwise closed country of Greece with the Gospel.

I believe that through this opportunity of teaching in this Bible College, training Greek, Pastors and church leaders, I will not only shine the light of the gospel but magnify that light though those who will impact many more than I could ever hope to touch on my own.

I am thankful for our current financial partners and those reading who may like to participate in making this positive impact possible.



STEVE AND CINDY



Over the past 27 years, Steve and Cindy Shoop have invested their lives in ministering the Gospel of Jesus as missionaries. Their passion for helping people has provided them with the opportunity to serve in a variety of ministry positions, as well as the privilege of living in three different countries in Africa.

Today, Steve and Cindy reside in the state of Ohio after living 25 years in southern Africa. Steve continues to express his gift in ministry both in the United States and the nations of the world. Steve has a passion in developing leaders who are established in God's love, grace and peace that comes through the righteousness of faith. GTI's vision is found in their ministry slogan, "Training for Life, Training for Ministry". GTI exists to empower leaders by training them in doctrine that is solidly based in gospel truths combined with practical ministry experience.