

meet the BENSONS



TURKEY

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their story

Gregg 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 married in the Midwest, and then joined their missionary agency and headed for Turkey in 1987. Throughout their ministry, the Bensons have reached out through various media outlets, spreading the Good News of the Gospel however they can. Over the past 30 years, most of their time and energy has been focused on establishing and discipling a local church of Turkish believers who have a Muslim background. Now that Turkish leadership has been established in their church, the Bensons' role is mainly mentoring and training those leaders, and building up and "watering" the church in whatever ways are needed.

In 2009 Gregg became the director of a ministry that provides biblical "head-heart-hands" training to the Turkish Christian movement in Turkey's major cities. Since finishing a doctorate in comparative theology in 2015 he has had some opportunities to interact with Muslim scholars and hopes for more in the future. Debbie ministers to the many refugees who have flooded into Turkey as a result of the war in Syria. She also discipled women in their local church and reaches out to non-believers through friendship evangelism.

The Benson's two oldest children, a daughter and son, along with their spouses and young 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 is engaged to be married in 2020.

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PRAISE + + +

- + We're thankful to be settled to a surprising degree in our new apartment in Wheaton.
- + It's great to be near our daughter Amy and her husband Kevin along with their four little kids. Amazing that they can walk across the parking lot and see Grandma now instead of crossing the Atlantic.
- + We're thankful that all of our 36 boxes arrived safely with our household items and books

PRAYER >>>

- > Speaking of Amy and family, their housing situation is still very uncertain as they're in temporary housing waiting for unwilling renters to get out of the house they've made an offer on. Despite a court decision these folks are still holed up (squatting?) in the house, and it seems it will require forcible eviction... Pray this will be settled soon.
- > We're still trying to navigate setting up car insurance, new drivers licenses, etc, etc. And have various items we'll get in time.
- > Pray for our adjustment to life in the US as we get used to a very different world.
- > We desire to be a blessing in our new church. Pray that the Lord will guide us in developing friendships.
- > Gregg has met with a brother involved in ministry to Muslim migrants living in the Chicago area. May we have wisdom to discern what things to do and not to do.