

meet the BENSONS



TURKEY

PSEUDONYMS FOR
REASONS OF SAFETY



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 discipless women in their local church and reaches out to non-believers through friendship evangelism.

The Benson's have four married children and an ever increasing amount of grandchildren.

recent prayer requests

- We praise the Lord that Greg and Debbie had a safe return trip back to Turkey.
- We praise the Lord that Greg's and Debbie's newest grandson, Jack, continues to thrive and grow.
- We praise the Lord for His answered prayer on the positive outcome of the official inspection of the Hasat Ministries.
- We pray for the Tessa and Schultz family's plans for their return to Jordan. We pray for uneventful passport renewals and that the Lord will bless them in their work there.
- We continue to pray for restoration and healing to the areas and families of Turkey which were ravaged by either massive forest fires or by unprecedented flooding.
- We pray for the Lord's wisdom to grace the Turkish Evangelical Alliance as they pursue efforts to participate in providing assistance to the victims of these disasters.
- We pray for the Lord's assistance and wisdom in directing numerous ministries and churches in Turkey as they try to serve the many refugees now entering the country from Afghanistan.
- We continue to pray for Debbie's health. That the Lord's strength, energy, and healing fills her spirit.
- We pray for graceful resolution of any/all issues that may have arisen in Greg and Debbie's church during their absence.
- We also pray for this church to reflect His peace, regardless of circumstances, that is available to all who seek Him.