

AIK as a “Community Center”

It is the desire of AIK to serve the community and minister to the ‘whole person. AIK will aim to provide programs to assist both church members and ‘seekers’ in personal development, marriage and family relationships, parenting and money management skills. This is important because there are few programs like this offered by the government or the private sector.

Services Provided For Income Generation

AIK intends to use the new church building to offer services to the community which will generate relationships as well as income. Thus the facility will be self-sustaining and independent of outside sources. There will be a café and bookstore on the ground floor, and a children’s play area will be run in the basement. With very hot summers and rainy winters, these types of play areas are in high demand by mothers of toddlers. A guesthouse with accommodations for Christian guests and visiting teams will be constructed on the second floor.

Funds Needed for AIK Building Construction

**“Our aim is not to build a building,
but to build up the people of God.”**

Remaining funds needed to complete construction of the building: **\$150,000**

For donations to the building project:

Write the check to:

"Maranatha Bible Church" and write "Antalya Project" on memo part of check.

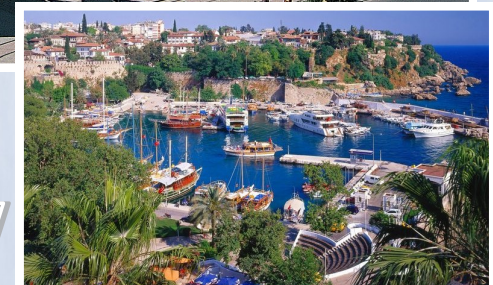
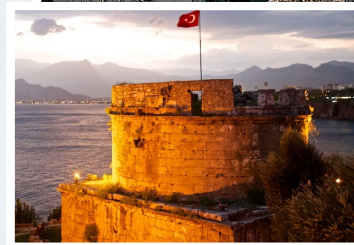
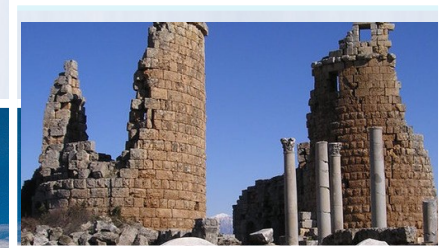
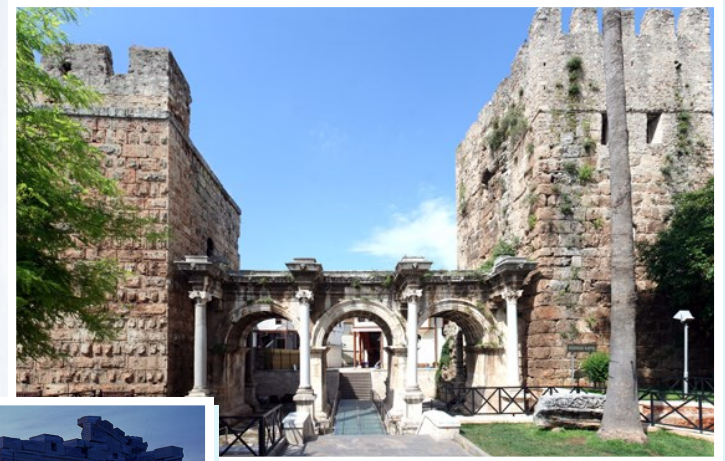
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ANTALYA EVANGELICAL CHURCH



TURKEY

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Turkey

Population: 75 million

Religion: 98% Muslim

Protestant Believers: Only ~ 4,000 (known)

Antalya

Population: 2 million

Turkish believers: 220 (known)



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AIK “The Beginning”

Antalya Evangelical Church (AIK) began as a small home group in 1992 and grew to ~20 members. In 1999, AIK began renting space in the St. Paul Cultural Center. After establishing this fixed and known location, AIK has grown to ~190 members, and is now one of the ten largest Protestant congregations in Turkey’s growing Christian community.

AIK “The Present”



Each week, a large group of Turkish believers and seekers attend Sunday morning worship. The church is open daily and serves as a venue for church meetings, counseling and other activities. Each week, 15 to 20 visitors come to the church to ask questions about the Christian faith. AIK has a full time pastor and two assistants, as well as an elder board.

AIK “The Ministries”

AIK weekly hosts several congregational meetings for prayer and worship. There are additional weekly fellowship meetings for young adults and women. The church has an active children’s ministry and an adult education and leadership development program. AIK promotes relational evangelism by its members, and hosts special outreach services, and concerts. AIK’s website is also an important means of informing both the church family and the community of the services available through the church. Over the last 12 years AIK has been actively developing ways to reach out to two of its neighboring cities which have small Christian communities. A couple from the AIK congregation has recently been sent to serve its sister church in Alanya which consists of a group of about thirty believers. Outreach to Isparta is still in the infant stages.



AIK “The Future”

Although AIK’s current location is good, it is in a tourist-type district almost devoid of average Turkish residential housing and it has outgrown its current location. AIK’s vision has been to establish a sister church in Antalya which would allow for more physical growth and would also provide a larger scope of outreach in the community. The plot of land AIK has purchased is in a contemporary, residential community of middle-class Turkish professionals. In a Muslim culture where a church building is a source of suspicion and/or cultural “violation,” this class of residents is more open-minded to the presence of a Christian church in their community, and this is important for security issues.