

good friends with Godahfi of Libya. (Who Italians hate.)

(The prosecutor asks how many we are now in Greece)

Abel: We are about 60 & about 30 of these are children, (points to Sarah & her 3 children) & the other 15 mothers!

Prosecutor: Where are you all from?

Abel: From different places, but most are from Greece.

Prosecutor: How long have you been here?

Abel: Myself, 3 years. But here we've written music & lived quietly.

Prosecutor: But what do you do here? Do you have an organization?

Abel: Yes, we have an organization. But we live to ourselves, write music, & we have never made any problems here in Greece. The mayor of our local village says we are good, all of the camping says we are good, & everyone there loves us very much. And at M. (Greece's largest department store) we did many programs. Angelo & all the children did 11 shows at M. & many many orphanages & hospital shows. But M. is afraid to come here because of this newspaper "Apoemmatini", they are the ones that make fraud!

Prosecutor: What do you believe in?

Abel: Only in Christ. Not in atomic bombs. Love is the only answer for today. Thank you!

At the end of my testimony our lawyer filed a complaint against the prosecutor for asking me 'how many people are in our organization here in Greece', saying that it had nothing to do with Angelo.

"Our lawyer had advised me beforehand to work hard the theme of political and religious persecution, as that is the only reason here in Greece that an extradition warrant can be repealed.

NEXT WAS CALLED PIROS, OUR SWEET DOCTOR FRIEND who delivered many of 'Loveville's' & the local families' babies!

Judge: Do you need a translator?

Piros: (chuckles) I am Greek! I am born in Greece. I am their gynecologist. I know Angelo in his camping in R & he is a good man. I don't believe it about these

charges. He is a Christian, has his own organization, & writes. They don't even smoke!

Prosecutor: Have you known him all the time here in Greece?

Piros: Yes.

Prosecutor: Where do they get their money?

Piros: They left their jobs. But if they need to work, they work. They have contracts with big companies & they do music work.

Our Lawyer: Have you every heard that he is misusing women?

Piros: No.

Our Lawyer: What are they doing about their beliefs?

Piros: Reading the Bible, talking about God all together, not doing bad things.

ANGELO THEN GIVES HIS MAIN TESTIMONY.

slowly & calmly, with shining clear face: I am being persecuted in Italy for my beliefs. Not just me, but many other people. But in my place they even threw a fire-bomb in the place where I was playing music with my wife & many other things! So we had to leave Italy. We didn't escape from the Law, but because of persecution! There were many bad newspaper articles. Of course they didn't say religion. They made up many other accusations & excuses, like they made up for Jesus. As they made for Jesus, even in Jesus' time, they accused Him of being a disturber of the people. They accused Him of being a criminal, of being against Rome! They accused Jesus with the same accusations they accuse us. That's why I leave this country, because I have a wife & three children. And for me to be in Italy now with three children & my wife pregnant, it's very dangerous. And that's why we appeal to the Greek Law, because if we go to Italy they persecute us, as they persecuted everybody who lives the Bible in the radical way that Jesus teaches.

Because we believe in love. We live our lives in love. We want to share love with everybody. We want to show the people that the love of Jesus is the answer to everything. If I go back

to Italy, they persecute us, & I have to defend my family. I want to take my children out. Because they throw fire bombs at my house, & they write many bad articles. I don't want to go there. I believe in love. I want to live with my family in peace, write music, & talk about the love of God. And that's what I wish for my children. My songs talk about this, they are songs of love.

HOW OUR LAWYER PRESENTS HIS DEFENSE TO THE JUDGES.

Our lawyer is a Parliament member of the current Socialist Party in power here. Here is a rough translation of his speech: "Greece is in the European Convention, & that is why Greece is not allowed to accuse these type of cases, Greece has to protect such cases as Angelo's because of the laws of the European Convention. (The European Convention is a group of laws commonly agreed upon by the European countries.) There are no proofs about the accusations against Angelo.

This sect does exist & Angelo is a member of this sect. He hasn't lived in Italy for 3 years, he's been in Greece. The community of R hasn't said anything bad about Angelo or his family. And we here in Greece can't see anything of these charges of misusing women, because we haven't seen any proof of this here in Greece.

The Journalists are the ones who said all this about prostitution, they want to write bad things & they want to make everything seem more serious than it really is. The point is: do we have proof of the accusations? Or are we satisfied only with these things they send from Italy, which we can't prove again because they didn't send us enough information? Who was he misusing? What kind of prostitution? Who is the victim?

The jury of judges in 1972 made a law #134 that we must investigate as to whether the accusations are right or not before any extradition. And there is no law after that invalidating this law. (He also goes on to explain the European Law on the same point.) The 1st jury of judges did not do this, (investigate the truth of the accusations) & so they are guilty of not following this law. I insist that this jury doesn't send Angelo back to Italy. The Italian government has other intentions than it says

it has. The CoG have the right to believe what they want. We have, in Greece, religious tolerance, & as everybody knows, the Catholic Church wants to put down everyone that goes against it, & the Catholic Church & the Pope have no right to go against any other religion.

Are the papers they sent from Italy enough to prove the accusations? If it was as easy as that, we could just go to a ministry for a warrant of arrest & he would be sent back. (In other words, if only a written paper is enough to prove someone's guilt, then there is no need for having court trials or anything!) Any foreigner has the same right as a Greek citizen. (Meaning Angelo has the same rights as a Greek, to be judged according to the actual proof.) The Greek government has to protect a foreigner as it would a Greek. From the moment we came into the European Convention, we do not have the right for extradition without proof after the 1st of January, 1981, as the law #770/1980 says - that extradition without proof is forbidden. Greece's duty is to investigate those cases, & if it doesn't have proof, then it goes against this law which has constitutional power. The 1st court didn't follow this law. If we can only imagine that he might be in danger in Italy, that's another reason not to extradite him. And in the period of 3 years he hasn't done anything that bad here in Greece. The proofs aren't enough. It doesn't say anything about the accusations, it doesn't mention the victims. We can't only imagine all those things & send him back to Italy, because Journalism has made out of this a very big deal!

(Here he makes a long blast at the 1st jury of judges for not investigating the charges at all!) All the papers the 1st jury gave to the 2nd jury were not enough because they hadn't subjected the real substance of the accusations & hadn't followed the law, but went against the law! Those papers are dead (the decision from the 1st court), & the 1st jury is without defense! The thing is that all those laws are for the good of the people & we have to follow those laws.

(To the president of the Supreme Court) We want to have righteousness. Truth is everything that Angelo says. Again we have no proof about the case

prostitution & no victims! (He speaks again about investigating more & more for proof before they send him to Italy, & really emphasizes again & again that it is forbidden by law if there is not sufficient proof!) We can't extradite without proof, & 2nd, not for religious reasons, because the European Convention says that. And I believe that the minimum thing we could do is to ask for more proof, to say something about the victims & then to go on with this case.

Then until we have the proof, we could ask for the freedom of Angelo because he has the right to be free after 2 months in prison (actually 3 1/2 months), we can't let him be in prison here having only one paper, perhaps just written by an ordinary clerk! I don't have anything else to add, only that we are all concerned about this case. We are awaiting your decision.

(Everyone was so amazed at our lawyer's speech & how turned-on & on-fire he was for Angelo! Being also a former prosecuting attorney in the Supreme Court, he used this former experience aptly in Angelo's defense. Sweet Adrian, who understood no Greek, came up to us afterwards asking who he was & saying, "I was sure hoping he was on our side." Our Greek friends, Spiros & Julia, both commented how his words spoke right to the judges in the terminology they could relate to, & almost lovingly rebuking them in a way, as a peer of theirs, saying, "Come on you guys, can't you see it's the big church persecuting the little one!")

ANGELO NOW GAVE HIS FINAL TESTIMONY: "I want to say that when I started this Christian life - I was working in one very big music company. I had the possibility to make money, etc. And I chose to give my life for Jesus. All these accusations they say in Italy are not true. I've been here a long time & tried to do all I can to share love with the people. And I want to let them know that in Italy it is not the law that persecutes me, but our enemies. They have already persecuted us before, for a long time, 3 years ago they persecuted us.

THE JUDGES THEN ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WOULD DECIDE THE VERDICT IN ONE WEEK'S TIME while they studied the case, & gave our lawyers until noon the next day to bring written out all the laws & legal points they have prepared for the case. This is

because it turns out that this will be quite an important decision, even affecting actual legislation here in Greece! As well as affecting their own future, because, "Again God will thereby make publics & governments make choices and decisions either for or against you and Him, for which He will judge them accordingly." (Fret Not, 317B:41).

CONCLUSION - TUESDAY, MAY 25TH: After a week's contemplation, the Supreme Court judges were ready to give their verdict: the extradition warrant from Italy was to be temporarily repealed as the papers coming from Italy did not contain sufficient evidence to extradite a man, and granted Angelo his freedom on bail! PTL! We really rejoiced with all our hearts! And the judges smiled down upon us from their lofty chairs upon seeing our spontaneous joy! We quickly ran to their Exit Room & blessed & thanked them as they left, & they smiled back warmly & shook our hands! GBT! We were reminded how the judges like Pilate of old "sought to release Him" but could not come out with an open statement against the other government, but they did all that was in their power to do, as they seemed to realize the truth of what Jesus said to those judging Him. - "Thou canst have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above. Therefore he that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin." (John 19:11). We really believe they understood the greater sins of this wicked system that persecute a poor small group like us.

IT WAS A REAL MIRACLE, as an Interpol warrant being repealed doesn't happen even one out of hundred cases! So there was even great rejoicing amongst the lawyers as they felt this case would affect future legislation, & would be referred to often by lawyers in other trials to come. In fact, the Member of Parliament who defended us, after hearing our testimonies, got so on-fire & turned on that the people wondered if he was one of us! PTL! We know that by no means the battle is over yet, & there are still many obstacles to overcome helping Angelo to finish his great escape from the nuclear north to the safer south! But we know that "He that hath delivered...will yet deliver!" PTL! GB dear K., who did all his work for the Supreme Court free of

charge, & was greatly responsible for persuading N., the MP, to represent us in the Supreme Court for prayers & wonderful letters! Certainly a fraction of his normal charge! - tainly we belong to the greatest Family in the world. Risking their own careers in doing so! PTL!



Angelo & Sarah after the vic!--Actually it was before the Supreme Court Trial but they sure had the victory! PTL!

Angelo with his two guards. They look happy that he won the case! Angelo liked this photo because the guards are smiling so much.

Happy Family!
Angelo, Sarah, Emanuele,
Gabriele, Mariangela.



Testimonies of Angelo's
Supreme Court Trial:

"If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?"

Athens 19/5/82

WE HAD A WHOLE HOUR BEFORE THE TRIAL TO SPEND VISITING WITH ANGELO & THE OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS who were there, & we read him the paragraphs concerning him from your letter, & it really inspired him

immensely. He was literally an angel at this trial, he had such peace & his face was really shining.

THE COURTROOM ATMOSPHERE WAS SO MUCH BETTER than at the first trial as there