Our historical secondary school in Izmir, Turkey began a new chapter in its long history. Founded by our missionary predecessors in 1878, the Izmir American Collegiate Institute has now opened a renovated building. In addition to the usual classrooms and school facilities, the new building has a girl’s dormitory. Thirty girls now live on the top floor enjoying modern, spacious living quarters with a magnificent view of Izmir and its bay. What’s more, these girls are from more distant parts of Turkey and this means greater diversity in the student body.

We, as members of a long line of Americans who were invited to work in the Izmir school, appreciate how it strongly observes its heritage. It is an institution where generations of Christians, Muslims, Jews – Turkish and foreign – have worked together for common ideals of citizenship, service, and learning. It’s a legacy that the graduates are protecting and developing. And it’s a legacy that all Americans who contributed to it can celebrate.

Peace,
Betty & Ken Frank

Ken & Betty Frank serve with the American Board in Istanbul, Turkey. They share the job of General Secretary of the American Board. They also serve on the board of the Istanbul Interparish Migrant Program (IIMP).

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