

September 2022



Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Normandy. We are all doing well and have enjoyed time together as a family over the summer months. Joshua and Eloise are now preparing for the coming year at university with Josh in Bristol and Eloise going to Nottingham. Johan has two more years at Lycée here, studying for the French Baccalaureat. We are thankful to God for his grace in their lives.

Ministry in Caen

As we start a new academic year this September, we are grateful to God for his work in and through the church here in Caen. When we look back, we have had moments of joy and challenges. We have seen many grow in their faith, a few come to Christ and we have also been able to support several refugees. Sadly, there have also been several people from the church who have moved from Caen – as a small church that has a big impact. We are glad for the time they spent with us and were sad to see them go, especially the American missionary family, the Agelagas, who were in the leadership team of the church and were big supporters of us. They continue their mission in Nigeria. **Please pray for them, their children and others who have moved away to settle well in their new places. Pray that God may provide more workers, especially mature Christians to work with us here.**

Baptisms

We baptised three people in June and it was a time of joy and celebration for the church. It was a big encouragement for all of us. Thank you Lord. They are all on fire for the Lord, hungry for the word and are stimulating the whole church. Two of them are university students in Caen. **Please pray for them as they continue to grow in their faith and serve the Lord.**

Testimony of Y

I come from a non-Christian background. When I was in secondary school, some of my friends used to speak to me about Jesus and their Christian faith. I found it very interesting. After that, I had opportunities to hear about Jesus on a few other occasions. Last year, I felt the urge to know more about Jesus and wondered how I could do that. One day I visited the Community Café in Lisieux and saw written on a board: John 3:16 *'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life'*. I was struck by the words of this verse and told them I would like to learn more about the Bible, but I lived 50km away in Caen. They connected me with Sena and Jane

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Supporting refugees

We continue our ministry supporting the refugees God brings to us. Even though they are now in a safe country, it is difficult and painful for them to think of their family back home who are still suffering because of war or oppression. Keep them in your prayers. Thank you for praying for the Pakistani Christian family who came from Ukraine in February. They are all doing well and their asylum application to remain in France has been granted for all four. **Please pray that God may use us as a church to be a big comfort to them and demonstrate God's love to them.**

New responsibility for Sena

As you may know, we work in France in collaboration with the French Baptist Federation who have about 120 churches all over France. They have a National Mission Board (Mission Interieur Baptiste), which is in charge of helping the churches in France be intentionally missional and some of them to plant new churches. They also support new church plants and churches that are struggling to grow. Sena has been asked to join this board from September. We have thought and prayed about it and felt God's guidance to accept the role. **Please pray for Sena as he starts this new role.**

Please also pray with us

- **Church venue project:** We are still working on our collaboration with the Adventiste Church in Caen to renovate their building so we can share the use of it during the week. We are facing a few challenges and things are going very slowing.
- **Sunday 25 September:** the yearly gathering of the six churches in our network in Normandy.
- The church in Lisieux has just sold their building and are looking for a new and strategic place to buy. **Please pray for the transition and God's guidance in this process.**

Thank you for your partnership, support and all your prayers.

Love from,

Sena & Jane



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