

February 2023



Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Normandy! Thank you for your prayers for us and for the ministry here. As a family, we are well. It was a joy to have Joshua and Eloise back home for Christmas. Eloise has settled well at uni in Nottingham. Johan is with us and studying for the first part of his Baccalaureat exams this year. We will be travelling to Togo mid-February to visit Sena's mum and encourage the churches we planted there. **Please pray that we may be a blessing for the people there and also pray with us that our children continue to grow in their faith.**

Ministry in France: Caen

Although it is challenging, we are excited to see what God is doing through us and the church in Caen. We continue to share the good news of Christ, support those in need and disciple those who have given their lives to Christ. On Christmas Eve, we organised a festive dinner in our home for those from the church who are far from home. It was a wonderful time.

On Sunday 9 January, there was a gathering for all the evangelical churches in Caen and surrounding districts organised by CNEF (National Council of Evangelical Churches in France). It was the first gathering of this kind and an important step towards unity. We praise God for the desire for unity he is working in the hearts of leaders and churches.

Ministry in France: Discipleship

The cell group (picture below) that we started in September is doing well. Y, who was recently baptised, hosts us. Those who come are hungry to grow in their faith and keen to put time aside for that. We are greatly encouraged! Thank you for your prayers for the young people baptised last June. They are growing well in their faith and are all involved in ministry in the church. Alex is involved in



worship, Arthur on the sound desk and Y is on the welcome team. May they become strong disciples, able to disciple others. Pray too for Moïse and Emmanuel who came to Christ last autumn, that they will persevere in their walk with the Lord.

Evangelism and community work in 'Grace de Dieu': supporting refugees and migrant people

Thank you for praying for the Pakistani Christian family. They were in urgent need of accommodation, and it was a big challenge. In January, God provided temporary accommodation for them in Paris. We miss them. The Syrian family are well. The mother is now enjoying language lessons. Being an extrovert, she is excited to be able to communicate in French more fluently. **Please pray for the family as the husband recently lost his job. Pray too for Luis, whom Sena is discipling at the moment. He has a gift for evangelism.**

Evangelism and community work in 'Grace de Dieu': M4, equipping church planting teams

Sena serves on the French M4 committee. On 17–18 March, they will begin a training program with two new church planting teams and two small churches that have been declining. It is a two-and-a-half-year program where they gather every six months for teaching, encouraging and coaching. One of the church plants is in Montmartre, in the centre of Paris, a difficult area. **Please pray for the teams to impact their communities with the gospel and make disciples.**

Please also pray

- For an English couple, living not far from Caen, who have just started coming to our church. They are mature Christians, and the husband is a worship leader.
- On Sunday 26 March, three churches from our network (Caen, Saint Lô and Honfleur) will be gathering for worship, teaching and fellowship. We will be hosting this gathering in Caen.
- In recent months, the cost of living has increased significantly both in the UK and France. In addition, missionaries in France must now pay social security contributions in France. This is unfortunately having an impact on our funding situation. Crosslinks will be writing to our supporters soon, but please pray with us for God's provision.

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Thank you for your support and all your prayers.

Love from,
Sena & Jane