



Happy Christmas 2023



Dear friends,

Greetings from Caen. We hope you are all doing well. We would like to thank you for your prayers and support for us and the ministry here in France. This year has overall been an encouraging one for our ministry. Our children are all doing well. Joshua and Eloise will be coming back from Uni for a couple of weeks. We haven't seen them since September so we are looking forward to their return and excited to celebrate Christmas together.

Encouraging news. Over the year we have experienced God's goodness and answers to prayer in our ministry. We have had several mature Christians join the church who are a great support to us. There are also more local French people who have started coming regularly. Among those are Maeva, 23 who came to Christ a month ago and is living a wonderful time with the Lord and Xavier, a bible student who is now helping me to lead our weekly Bible study group and preaches as well. We are so grateful to the Lord and are feeling that God is doing something new in our midst.

Difficult news. Sadly Sergii the Ukrainian man who had cancer and who we have been supporting passed away recently. He was buried in Ukraine. Please pray for God's comfort for his wife Uliana who is in Kiev at the moment, pray for her young faith and for her return to France in January.

Christmas Celebration service. We'll be having a special guest service on **Sunday 17th December** with Carols and an International meal. We are really encouraged that this year many neighbours and friends of church members are more open to coming. Four of our neighbours will be coming. Please pray that it will be a Spirit-filled and joyful event and that God will use this occasion to reveal to the guests his love and the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas meal with the Internationals. Sunday 24th December we will be hosting a Christmas Eve meal in our home for foreign students and those in the church who do not have family nearby. Please pray that this will be a good time of fellowship.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas

May you know Joy and Blessing this Christmas season and in the coming year.

Love from Sena, Jane, Joshua, Eloise & Johan