



Teaching session

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Normandy! As a family we're all doing well. Joshua and Eloise are both still enjoying their courses at university in UK and Johan is in the process of applying to universities both in France and in the UK. He will probably stay in France where he feels more culturally 'at home'. **Please pray for God's guidance and grace through his application process.**

### Ministry in Caen

We are in an exciting and dynamic phase as a church at the moment with a greater desire to spend fellowship time together and at the same time to share the gospel around us. Those who have joined us over the last 12 months have settled in well. We had a baby dedication for a new couple who joined the church. It's a very encouraging time for Jane and I after more challenging years and we are grateful to the Lord.

We have an American missionary family with four children who joined the church recently. They are all fluent in French since they have been living in France for many years. The couple have a lot of experience in ministry, especially in the areas of worship and art. **Please pray for their transition time and that they settle well in the church.**



Baby dedication

**Testimony** Thank you for praying for the Christmas guest service. There were several new people who responded to invitations and came, including our next-door neighbour. One of the guests, **Mel**, told us afterwards that she experienced a wonderful peace that she had never experienced before. She has

come to church several times since and brought her husband too. We were able to pray with them and both have begun their walk with the Lord. **Please pray for the guests and especially for Mel and her husband.**

**Choir** We put together a small choir of eight people from the church, led by Dave, for the Christmas event and they sang carols in French and English. Everyone enjoyed their singing and they themselves enjoyed it too! They continue to meet and sing together and want God to use them to bless the church and also as an evangelistic tool to bless the community around us.

## Baptism and marriage

**preparation** Jim is from a Christian background and has been coming to church now for several months. He has recommitted his life to the Lord and wants to be baptised. We will be starting a baptism course with him in March. ***Please pray that he will be well rooted in the Lord.***

Two couples have asked us to prepare them for marriage. The first regularly come to our church, while the other couple are seekers and open to the gospel. With the latter, we have started a 14-session course that combines marriage preparation and discovery of the Christian faith. We have already had two sessions and it is going well. ***Please pray for both couples and that through the course the second couple will come to know the Lord.***



*Future place of worship*

**Future Place of Worship** Unfortunately we couldn't move to the new building in February as planned. We are still waiting for the building security team from the city council to come and check and approve the facility for public use.

**Grâce de Dieu neighbourhood** We are continuing to share God's love with people in this needy area of Caen, which is not far from the location of our future place of worship. Jane has built a good friendship with a lady there. We dream to have a weekly presence there with coffee and tea and to positively impact the community. Unfortunately, our request to use one of the Catholic premises was refused. We continue praying for God's provision and guidance.

## Other news and items for prayer

- Jane will be organising a **women's breakfast** and teaching for the women of the church in April. ***Please pray as she prepares and also as she leads the team of children's ministry leaders.***
- We are planning a **Faith Discovery course** in May. We already have potentially six people and hope for more. ***Please pray that God will bring the right people and speak to their hearts. Pray too for the logistics and for good fellowship.***
- **M4: Equipping Church Planting teams in France.** Sena still enjoys teaching and coaching the church planting teams. The next gathering for these teams will be the weekend of **15–16 March** in Paris and following that, on **23–24 March**, we will be visiting the team in Nantes to meet with the leaders and encourage the church there.

Thank you for all your love, support and prayers for us and the ministry here.

With much love and many blessings  
Sena & Jane

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