



Dear friends and family,

Concert Fête de la Musique

Warm greetings from Normandy! We are all doing well. Joshua and Eloïse have both had a good year at Uni. Next year Joshua will be finishing his degree and Eloïse will be doing a placement year in Textile Design before her final year at Uni. They will both be back in France with us this August and we are looking forward to that! As for Johan, he has just finished his Bacalaurate and has decided to study Robotics at a University in France, not far from us. It is great that we will be able to see him more often. ***Please pray for them as they all journey in their faith and their studies and pray for us as we have a week break in August.***

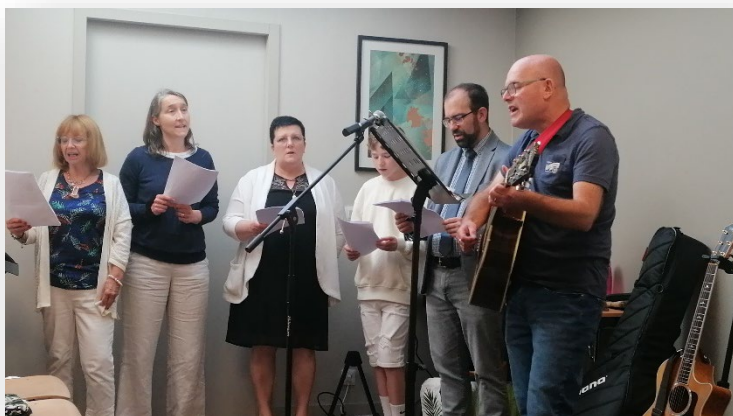
Ministry in Caen

We are grateful to the Lord for all he is doing in our midst as a church in Caen. We are very encouraged even though there are challenges. Thank you for praying for the American missionary family who joined us several months ago. They have settled well in the church and have been leading worship wonderfully as family. It is a big blessing and an answer to prayer.

New place of worship. We were supposed to move to the new premises in February, but it was delayed as we waited for the security commission of the city council to complete their checks and give official permission to use the building. Finally, the permission has just been granted, with the condition that a few further adjustments are completed to meet all the accessibility requirements. We will be moving in after the summer. Praise the Lord! ***Please pray for this new season in a new building and neighbourhood.***

La Fête de la Musique. 21 June is 'La Fête de la Musique' (music festival) in France. People are allowed to organise musical events in the streets. As a church we organised a concert alongside the canal in the city centre. Tom and Joanna from the church led the concert while Nicole organised

children's craft activities. Many non-Christian people attended the concert, and that gave opportunities for church members to have meaningful conversations with them. Some are keen to meet up again to know more about the gospel. ***Please pray for these people and for God's grace as we continue to share his love.***



The choir

The choir. At the end of June, we had a combined church service in Caen with two other churches from

Lisieux and Honfleur. It was a good time of worship and fellowship and also an opportunity for the small choir of our church who have continued to meet and sing together. They are planning over the summer to sing and bring God's love in some of the retirement homes around us. ***Please pray that God's love and joy will shine through them.***



David and Vanessa

Call to ministry. We had the pleasure of blessing the marriage of **David and Vanessa** in April. They are a wonderful young couple who love God and want to serve him. David has heard the call to pastoral ministry. They will be starting a six-year part-time online theological training in September. Jane and I will be supporting them and helping them to grow in leadership and into their calling. ***Please pray with them through this time of training and that they will enter fully into God's calling on their lives.***

Discipleship Bible course. This summer we have decided to run a seven-week discipleship course based on the seven signs from the gospel of John. We will be doing it in different homes and areas of the town with food and fellowship time. We hope that church members will invite their friends and neighbours and also that some people who came to the concert will come.

Other news and items for prayer

- We have a few people who are sick in the church. Pray with us for them and for JP who has cancer and is following a heavy treatment.
- **Work among the needy.** As a church we feel that God is speaking to us about work among the needy in the city and several people in the church have that on their hearts and are willing to commit to serving in that ministry. In France as a church, we would need to set up a social work charity to do that so we are thinking of starting one in the autumn. ***Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom.***
- Please pray also with us for the political situation in France.

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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