



Dear friends and family,

First service in the new building

We hope you are all doing well. As for us, we are fine and enjoyed time with our three children who were home with us in August for the summer holidays. They are all back at university now with Eloise doing a year placement in London which she is enjoying. Jane and I are discovering the 'empty nest' phase of life! *Please pray for our children and also for us for this new phase in our lives.*

Ministry in Caen

Thank you for praying for our seven-week summer teaching on the Seven Signs of Jesus in the book of John. It was disappointing that some of the non-Christian people we were hoping would come didn't, however it was a good time of teaching, discussion and fellowship for the church members.

In September it was encouraging to see **David and Vanessa** from the church start their theological training and **Xavier** doing his final year of his Master's in Theology. They are all three a big support for us and the ministry and also for the future of the church. It is a pleasure to disciple and see them grow as they serve the Lord and the church with their gifts. *Please pray for them.*

New place of worship. Praise the Lord! We have finally moved into the new building after many months of waiting and challenges. We had our first service there on 6 October. The whole church is excited to move from a rented hotel conference room to a more permanent place in the city where we can worship and also hold events in the week to serve the community. Thank you for your prayers. May God use us and the building for his glory. *Please pray for this new chapter in the life of the church and that God will use us for his glory.*

Testimony of conversion. We had the joy of seeing two young men, Lilian and Esaïe, in their early twenties come to faith in the Lord in August. It is wonderful to see their passion for the Lord and their hunger to know more about Jesus and the Bible. Lilian came from a non-Christian family but was curious know more about Jesus. As he came to the church service, he felt God's presence during the worship and was touched by the gospel word that was preached. At the end of the service, he asked me many questions and soon after gave his life to Jesus. His friend Esaïe who came with him also gave his life to Jesus a few weeks later. Both have been sharing their faith, inviting their friends to church and never miss a Bible study. They are stimulating the whole church. *Please pray for them to be rooted in Christ.*

Ten-week Alpha course. We started a ten-week evangelistic course on 4 October. It will be on Thursday evenings in our home. Apart from the helpers, there were six seekers who attended the

introductory session, and 9 people have confirmed coming for session one. Amongst those coming are our next-door neighbours Corinne, Lilian and Esaïe. *Please pray that people who attend the course will come to know the Lord. Pray also for the teaching and fellowship on the day away which is planned for Saturday 9 November.*



One of the Alpha discussion groups

Other news and items for prayer:

- **Thank you for praying for JP.** He has finished treatment and chemotherapy, and it was successful. Praise the Lord!
- **Church planting day event.** On 23 November Francis Dognon from Lisieux and Sena will be teaching at this event. It is an annual event in Paris where many evangelical church denominations send representatives to be stimulated and informed about church planting. It is also an opportunity for sharing and communicating vision for church growth throughout France. *Please pray that God will inspire and use our teaching at that event.*

Thank you for your love and faithful partnership with us and the ministry here.

With love from,
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