



*Sunday service*

Dear friends,

Greetings from Normandy! We are both doing well. It was a joy to have the whole family home with us for Christmas and to catch up on life for Josh in Bristol, Eloise in London and Johan in Rennes. We praise God for his blessing and work in their lives. Please continue to pray for each of them.

## Ministry in Caen

We thank God for what he is doing in our church in Caen. We were encouraged at Christmas to see different members of the church spontaneously inviting others who were far from home to come and spend Christmas with them without us asking. That was wonderful brotherly love. Praise the Lord.

One of the areas where we have been struggling in the church is to have a stable worship group. We are grateful to God that we now have several people with music and worship gifts in the church. We have put in place a worship group and might with time have two groups. Please pray for Tom who is leading this ministry.

**Feedback on Alpha Course and post-Alpha group:** Thank you for praying for the 10-week Alpha Course we ran last winter. It was great to see how it impacted seekers as well as new Christians who attended the course. For the final session, two weeks before Christmas, we took the whole group to the city centre of Caen where we were able to serve homeless people we met there by offering a Christmas gift, a hot drink and praying with them. It was a touching and learning time for all of us.

At the end of the course all the participants, whether they had already come to faith in Christ or not, wanted to continue and learn more about the Bible. So, Jane and I have just started (on 26 February) a post-Alpha group in 'Tilly-sur-Selle', a town 15 minutes away from Caen, since most people who came to the course live in that area. We will be hosted by a couple who are not fully committed to Christ yet. It is exciting. ***Please pray for those who attended the group before and those who will be joining the new group. May Christ reveal himself to all.***

**Corinne's testimony:** Corinne is our next-door neighbour with whom we have a good relationship. She came to a Christmas service two years ago. By God's grace she came to know the Lord through the Alpha course and it is wonderful to see the changes in her life. She is on fire for the Lord, sharing the gospel with her daughters and grand-children and is already serving in the church. After understanding the message of reconciliation, she asked the church to pray for her to find her brother with whom she had had no contact for over 10 years. She finally found him, they met up and were reconciled and

spent Christmas together. It is a joy to seeing her growing spiritually. ***Please pray for her and her family.***



*Church meal*

**Leadership training group:** we have started a leadership training group for six people in the church. We meet once a month with a time of fellowship, teaching on biblical leadership principles and an opportunity for them to discuss questions. Our desire is to see part of this group joining the council group of the church. ***Please pray that they will grow stronger in their faith and in love for one another.***

**Young adult group:** we started this group as we felt their need for discipleship and fellowship. It is a small group led by David and is comprised mostly of new Christians and their non-Christian friends. It is a challenging group as many come from difficult backgrounds. ***Please pray for wisdom for David and that God will transform the lives of these youth.***

#### **Other news and items for prayer:**

- In addition to the post-Alpha group, at the beginning of March we are starting two new house groups that will meet fortnightly. *Please pray for Dave and Serge who will be the main leaders of these two groups.*
- On 15 March we will be travelling to Marseille to help set up an M4 training that supports and coaches church planting teams in the south of France. We are expecting around five church-planting teams. *Pray for this time and for Sena and two other colleagues who will be teaching.*
- Saturday 22 March, Jane and the Sunday School teachers in our church will be attending a training day with a focus on caring for children with special needs. *Please pray for them.*

Thank you for all your love, prayers and support for us and the ministry here.  
With much love and many blessings,

Sena & Jane