



*Teaching church planting teams in Paris*

Dear friends,

Greetings from Normandy! We are all doing well and looking forward to having our children home to celebrate Christmas together. With the church we are preparing for our Christmas Celebration Guest Service with carols, followed by a festive meal with the friends and neighbours who have been invited.

## Ministry in Caen

### A young teens' group

In October we started a new group for the 11-15 year-olds in the church. They are keen to grow in their faith and are enjoying the group. They meet on Sundays during the service and for regular social/fun activities together where we hope they will bring their non-Christian friends. **Please pray for this new group, for the leaders and that the youth will grow in their love for God and his word.**

### Work among refugees

We now have a number of refugee people coming regularly to church. Jane and I have been visiting them in the centre where they have accommodation, to encourage them, to meet people and share the good news with them. We come across people from various backgrounds including closed countries. Please pray that God will use us to bring hope and to reveal his son Jesus Christ to the people we meet.

It is a joy for us to see what God is doing in the lives of the refugees who have joined our church. We are seeing them grow in their faith, feeling at home in the church and joining one of the church's house groups. Among them is Céline, a young mother who has made the decision to be baptised. **Please pray for her. Pray too for Tantine who was granted asylum two months ago and is now following a course to train as a care worker.**



*Galette des Rois*

### Evangelism event

In France, to celebrate Epiphany in January there is the tradition of 'Galette des Rois' (Kings' cake). It is an occasion for friends and family to fellowship together. As a church we are planning a special service on Sunday 4 January around the theme of 'The King' to explain the real meaning of Epiphany and the importance of knowing Jesus the King of kings. It will be an opportunity for us to invite guests and particularly

those who came to our Christmas Service. **Please pray for both events and may hearts be opened to God's Word.**

## Ministry in Normandy and France

### Church Weekend in Nantes

Thank you for praying for my teaching sessions at the Church Weekend in Nantes last September. It went very well. On the Saturday afternoon we were joined by a church from Rennes whose pastor had to leave in June. It was, and still is, a challenging time for them. We were able to encourage both churches and their leaders and pray with them. **Please pray for this church in Rennes and for God's provision of a new pastor.**



*Teaching on our Church Weekend in Nantes*

### M4 training for church planters

Thank you for praying for the two training weekends that took place last October for church planting teams in Paris and in Marseille. There were four teams in each place and I was teaching at the Paris gathering. We were very encouraged by the teams and their dedication. We were also encouraged to see two denominations come together to plant a church in the city of Orleans and a new church plant starting on the island of Corsica where there are very few evangelical churches (per 10,000 inhabitants, there are 0.07 churches in the north and 0.30 in the south of the island). The next teaching weekend gathering for all the teams will be 13-14 March. **Please pray for these eight new churches in France, their leaders and the team of coaches that will be supporting them for the next two years.**

### Trip to Togo

In February we will be travelling to Togo to visit Sena's mother and sister and the church family there. Please pray for our travels and may our visit be a blessing for the people there.

Thank you for all your prayers and support for the ministry here in France.

We send you our warmest Christmas greetings and wish each of you a Happy New Year!

With much love,  
Sena and Jane

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