



Dear friends,

Art evangelism

Greetings from Normandy. We hope this letter finds you well. We had a good Easter time with our children home for a few days. We would like to thank you for praying for our trip to Togo. It was a good and restful time. We were able to spend quality time with Sena's mother and to encourage church leaders there.

Evangelistic events

In early February, as a way to share the gospel through art, Joanna, an artist in our church, exhibited some of her paintings in a beautiful gallery in the centre of Caen. She invited three other artists to join her with their paintings. Joanna's paintings were very inspiring. The day before the opening there was a worship and prayer evening at the gallery attended by people from our church as well other churches in the region. Jane and I invited our neighbours Christian and Marie to the exhibition. We have been sharing the good news with them for many years and pray that one day they will come to know the Lord. There were a few local artists who also came. **Please pray for the different people who came and were touched by the paintings that they will seek and find God.**

In early March, we welcomed a team of ten Americans from a church in Tennessee for a week of evangelism and prayer for Caen. It was a big blessing for the church. With them we were able to plan a few events including one we organised on Market Day in the 'Grâce de Dieu' area, one of the poorest neighbourhoods in Caen. It was an open-air concert with opportunities for conversation and offering cookies to people. It was a fruitful time.



Concert at Grâce de Dieu

Philippe's testimony

Philippe, an English teacher, heard the music while he was waiting in a doctor's surgery nearby. Afterwards he came and was standing next to me to enjoy the music and songs. When he realised there were Christian songs and that I was part of the team, he wanted to share something with me. He told me that in 2017 during a discussion in

his class about happiness, one of his students had said that the source of his happiness came from Jesus. Philippe was struck by that and nine years later he still remembered it. When I shared this story

the following Sunday in church, we discovered that that student was Serge, one of our church members! It is an amazing story and I believe that God is graciously at work in Philippe's life. He has my phone number and has promised to come one day to our church. **Please pray for him, for the people we met during the concert and for our ongoing work in that neighbourhood.**

Easter service and meal

We had a good Easter service and after church some of the church members joined us for a bring and share meal in our home. It was an opportunity for fellowship and to share food from various parts of the world. We enjoyed getting to know Chantal, an elderly widow who has recently started coming to church. She is a woman of faith and passionate about the word of God. She also struggles with poor health. **Please pray for Chantal and may she find her place in the church.**

Coming events

Baptism service on 3 May. We have started baptism preparation with J, a refugee and teenage mother who came to Christ and has grown in her faith and trust in Jesus. She is a courageous person.



Easter meal

Youth service on 31 May. We are glad to see our youth involved in worship ministry in the church, either in singing, playing musical instruments or on the sound system. At the end of May we are giving them the opportunity to organise a church service. I will be coaching and helping them. **Please pray that this will bring them closer to one another and to God.** We still lack leaders to run the youth ministry. **Please pray for God's provision.**

The French National Baptist Convention from 14-16 May in Caen. This year, as a church we will be hosting the Annual Baptist Convention with the help and support of the other five churches in the 'Reseau La Source' in Normandy. There will be 350 to 400 pastors and delegates from churches throughout France. So far the planning is going well. It is a challenge but we are feeling supported by the churches around us and the leaders of the denomination. **Please pray for us that it will be a smooth and a blessed time.**

Thank you for your support and prayers.

With much love,
Sena and Jane

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