

The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

August 31, 2018

Dear Supporting Friends,

We have been trying to instill in our congregation the importance of serving God and others. The pre-salvation attitude of “What can you do for me?” instead of “How can I be a blessing to you?” can be hard to shake for some. A great theme throughout the New Testament is the priority of serving in Christian love and not expecting anything in return. This summer we have seen this idea catch on in our church. Pascal led the worship several times with his wife, Aline, who played the guitar. Janice faithfully headed up the children’s class, while Lydia and Kara helped her and also worked in the nursery. Ghislaine cleans the church weekly and is there early for services, preparing coffee and straightening up the building. Kenneth, Andrew, Lincoln, and Grant helped distribute Gospel literature throughout the week in different neighborhoods and villages. Genevieve, who is now on oxygen, did her part by stamping tracts and other material from the comfort of her home. Everyone can do something! And if we all work together, so much can be accomplished for Christ’s kingdom.

Camp only lasts for three weeks, and yet it feels like it consumes our summer. I suppose that’s because we are either preparing for camp, working at camp, or recovering from camp! We know, however, that it is worth every bit of time and effort we pump into it. It is such a unique opportunity to minister to teens and children and to challenge them to trust Christ and then live for Him.

We are never quite sure what to expect from teen camp. This was our third summer meeting outside under an old WWII tent for morning and evening classes. One year it was freezing and the teens had to grab blankets off their beds to keep warm. This year it was not cold. In fact, we experienced record-breaking heat for Belgium. When we arrived at the camp, we noticed right away that the tent had been moved out of the partial shade of a building and directly into the sun in the middle of a field. Janice and I had to keep things in perspective by thinking: “It’s hot but it couldn’t be worse than it was in Ivory Coast.” God sure blessed those two weeks with the teens. They were attentive as we challenged them to change direction in their lives. Everyone makes bad decisions at one time or another and gets away from God, but it’s never too late to stop and turn back to Him. One young lady, Eloise, placed her faith in Christ.

I usually play an interesting character when I teach the evening service at kids’ camp; this year I was a scientist. I’ll be the first to admit that I was not a star student in my science and chemistry classes in high school, but I enjoyed using scientific experiments to gain the children’s attention and to drive home a spiritual truth. The kids’ hearts were tender and open to God’s Word. By the end of the week, 10 children had made decisions for Christ. Lydia and Kara both served as counselors this year and did a great job.

Thank you for your faithful support!

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