

# The Flowers

## Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

January 31, 2019

Dear Supporting Friends,

November 17 marked the start of “*Yellow Vest*” protests all over France. The name of the movement comes from the security vest that each motorist is required to carry in his car in case of emergency. One of the founders of the movement suggested that the yellow vest be placed on the front dash of those not in agreement with the rising fuel taxes. Close to 300,000 protesters, wearing their yellow vests, were in the streets that first day protesting the current administration’s policies, but it was a mostly peaceful march. In the following weeks the situation became more violent as scenes of burning cars, hand-to-hand combat with security forces, and the desecration of monuments played out on live TV. Even our town was not immune to the violence. Three months later, the protests continue but are losing steam. The average French person may tell you that the greatest problem in France has to do with politics, but we know it is a spiritual issue.



Fatai is a good-natured young man from Nigeria who started attending church with Gift (the young lady mentioned in our last letter). He is one of the few Africans in our church who is not a refugee; he has a student visa and is studying logistics here in Charleville. He started coming to church in the summer and became more faithful in the fall. When he was available, I would meet with him to explain the Gospel and to answer any of his questions. At church he seemed to be a sponge, nodding his head in agreement during my messages and letting me know he was taking it all in. After a Sunday morning service in November, he came to me and said, “I am done waiting. I want Christ as my Savior.” Since his salvation, he is growing in Christ and moving forward in his spiritual walk.

We have known Florent, who comes from Côte d’Ivoire, since last spring. I thought at first that he had never made a decision for Christ, but over time he opened up to me and told me how he was forced to flee Abidjan because of the violence in 2010 (the same time that we evacuated the country). He fled to Ghana where he encountered a missionary who led him to the Lord. He recently received assurance of his salvation and is being discipled. Please pray for Florent.

We appreciate the cards, messages, and gifts sent to our family over the Christmas season. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for both us and our ministry. We are able to continue ministering in Charleville-Mézières because of you.

In Christ,

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