

# The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

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Dear Supporting Friends,

Thank you for your prayers for us and for the work in Charleville-Mézières. God continues to give us fruit among the refugees that are in our area.

Isabelle, a young mother of two boys, has been in the Ardennes for four years. She is Angolan, so Portuguese is her preferred language. She began attending church six months ago and seemed to have a desire for God. One day she told me, "I really want to know that my sins are forgiven because I have done so many terrible things in my life." We had Bible studies with her and over time she began to understand what she needed to do to become a child of God. Isabelle recently made that step and trusted Christ as her Savior. It was a neat experience because we cross-referenced verses with her Portuguese Bible as well as my French Bible to make sure she fully understood.

Xavier is 19 years old, but I mistook him for a man in his 30's when I first met him. He visited our church the end of September because Kenneth (one of our new converts) invited him. Xavier is originally from Cameroon but is in our area studying plumbing. Please pray with us for his salvation.

We got to know a young lady named Gift because of a tragic event. She delivered her baby girl prematurely but the baby only lived for three weeks. Through different circumstances, I ended up conducting baby Yvonne's funeral at our church. Since then, we have tried to encourage Gift and point her to Christ. She has had a very difficult life and isn't closed to the Gospel and does have some spiritual roadblocks due to religious teaching she received in Nigeria as well as from Charismatic friends here in France. Will you pray for her? Incidentally, it was at the funeral service that we first made contact with most of the refugees who are now in our church. It's amazing how God can turn a tragedy into a blessing.

We recently celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the church with 20 in attendance. The believers continue to take steps forward for Christ, though of course there are occasional steps backward as well. We greatly need your prayer as we disciple converts and continue this work by faith.

In Christ,

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