

# The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

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Dear Supporting Friends,

Christians should never underestimate the way God's Spirit can move in the hearts of people. We sometimes are guilty of making initial evaluations without truly knowing what is going on in a person's heart. God's "behind-the-scenes" work is much greater than we could ever imagine!

In our last update, we asked you to pray for Ghislaine. We mentioned that she had been coming faithfully to our church with her friend Genevieve (who was saved in December.) Ghislaine enjoyed the services and seemed to be stirred by the preaching of God's Word. Being burdened for her salvation, we asked to meet with her for a Bible study. We sat around her dining room table and talked to her again about being saved. To our surprise, she exclaimed, "I'm already saved!" The previous week she had made the decision to trust Christ during the preaching time. We were thrilled! It is obvious that Jesus has done a great work in her life. Please pray for Ghislaine's spiritual growth and for her unsaved children.

Recently I was in a pizzeria when I noticed an unusually tall, young man wearing basketball shoes. To my surprise, I found out he was an American from Birmingham, Alabama, who was playing professional basketball for L'Etoile, our semi-pro team here in Charleville. To top it all off, we found out he lived just a block away from our home. Monyea is 28 and has been playing ball in Germany and France for five years. During the following weeks, we invited him over for a meal and cheered him on at several of his home games. He also visited our church on Easter Sunday and heard the Gospel. Following up with a Bible study, I had the privilege of explaining the message to him more clearly. Monyea did not make a decision but is open and currently contemplating this monumental decision in his life. He has since returned to the States, and we're not sure if we'll ever see him again. But we know the Holy Spirit is at work behind the scenes. Pray with us for Monyea's salvation.

On June 22, we had our very first baptismal service. It was a momentous day for our young congregation as we saw Pascal, Aline and Geneviève take their stand for Christ and become the first members of our church. We want to thank Brother Williams and the church at Hierges for loaning us their baptistry and for the great day of fellowship.

We have seen God do great things in the first half of 2014. Please pray with us as we plan for the rest of the year. We need God's wisdom to reach more adults, more teens, and more children.

In Christ,

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