

# The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

March/April 2014

Dear Supporting Friends,

Thank you for your prayers. God continues to open doors of opportunity for us to minister to unsaved friends. Upon our arrival in France last summer, I joined the Villers-Semeuse Basketball Club, which is in a town just on the outskirts of Charleville. Our team is composed mostly of men in their late 20's and 30's who have families. Even though we are more "seasoned," we have had a very successful season. Janice attends all of my home games and has been able to establish friendships with many of the wives. Over and over, God has allowed me to speak frankly to my teammates about the Bible and salvation. At 30, Anthony works in construction, is married, and has a young daughter. He and his little girl visited our church for our Christmas service. Shortly thereafter I asked him a simple question: "Where will you go after death?" He had no answer for me, but the question simmered on his conscience for a time. I recently met him on a Saturday afternoon for coffee and presented him with a new Bible. For almost two hours, I answered his questions and took him through the Scriptures. He heard the truth for the first time in his life! His heart is tender. Please pray for Anthony's salvation.

We asked you in our last update to pray for the salvation of Pierre and Agnès. Pierre recently had surgery to repair a problem with his stomach and is suffering some complications from that. They do, however, continue attending our Tuesday night Bible study at church. Pierre has a desire for spiritual things, but is completely blinded to his need to be saved. I could try to convince him until I'm blue in the face (and I have!), but it is the Holy Spirit who must work in his heart. If he gets saved, I believe Agnès would follow right behind. Their salvation is a great burden on our hearts.

Geneviève, who was saved in December, is growing in her Christian walk. She is seeing God answer prayer, and it is blowing her mind. She opens her Bible at church and shows us new things she has discovered in her devotional time. To top it all off, she has a burden for her unsaved friends. One such friend is Ghislaine, a lady in her 60's who lives beside the church. She has been suffering with physical problems and also with a son who attempted to commit suicide after going through a nasty divorce. In spite of her difficult life, Ghislaine tells us she is so blessed to have a friend like Geneviève. She said she has never met anyone who is so kind and compassionate. She is seeing the difference Christ has made in Geneviève's life. As a result, Ghislaine has been at church every service for the last month. She is hearing the Gospel every week, and we are praying God will open her eyes to the truth. Please pray for Ghislaine's salvation.

Like Geneviève, we want to love the needy people around us and point them to the Savior. This should be the passion of our lives! So many people in our world are sad and miserable. May the Lord use us to reach them.

In Christ,



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**Geneviève and Ghislaine**

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