

The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

May 30, 2019

Dear Friends,

I'm sure most of you have heard of the fire that ravaged Notre Dame cathedral on April 15.

It is said to have been caused by an electrical short that sparked and was unable to be contained for several hours. Parisians lined the neighboring streets and bridges, watching in horror as their beloved church burned. Fast forward six weeks, over one billion euros have been donated for the reconstruction. President Macron has pledged to have it rebuilt within five years. However, most experts are saying the process will take closer to 10-15 years.



As I watched the fire on live TV, I was immediately reminded of a memory that took place in Notre Dame. Several years ago I was walking through the cathedral when an elderly, well-dressed lady caught my attention. She had such an earnest expression on her face that I paused for a moment to observe her. With tears streaming down her cheeks, she lit a candle, approached a large statue of Mary, and prayed. My heart went out to this lady as she clutched her rosary beads and confided in a hunk of marble that couldn't hear her—much less help her! And as I saw crowds of Parisians weeping over Notre Dame, I had a similar sentiment. How sad that so many French people have believed the lies of the devil. Whether it be the lie that God does not exist or that good works will save you—both are part of a great deception. Please pray for France to receive the truth of God's Word.



Goodness

For a long time, Goodness believed a lie. In Nigeria, she was told that she would be taken to Europe to start a new life. Her friend told her that she would have a good job as well as great possibilities for advancement in the future. Not even knowing the details, Goodness set out on the journey with a small group of other people. Unfortunately, she found out rather quickly that she was in trouble as people around her were hurt and even killed along the way. Her story is one of unbelievable evil and suffering that lasted for over two years. She finally was helped to escape and ended up being placed by the French government in a refugee center just down the road from us. She first visited our church in late April and just recently placed her faith in Christ for salvation. Please pray for Goodness's spiritual growth as well as for healing from the horrors she has experienced.

Our family will be going through some changes soon as our oldest daughter, Lydia, will be starting college in the US this fall. Please pray for God's leading and direction in her life.

Sincerely,

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