

The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

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Dear Supporting Friends,

I tend to be impatient. After years of ministry, I should be schooled in the fine art of waiting, but sometimes I wish I could hurry things along. I long for unsaved individuals to come to their spiritual senses and to understand the Gospel. I would like for spiritual maturity to descend on young converts overnight and to see instant spiritual growth. Unfortunately, ministry doesn't work that way! It's about getting on our knees in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to move and allowing Him to convict hearts. Our efforts fall short. It has to be Him.

We met the Unam Dim family in the spring when the mother, Stephanie, and her three teenage children were invited to our services by Eunice (mentioned in past prayer letters). Stephanie's husband was killed in Nigeria several years ago, and the family is hoping for a better life in Europe. They were heavily influenced by charismatic doctrine in Africa, and it has produced spiritual confusion. I have had several home Bible studies with Stephanie, but she has no real clarity on salvation. All she could say is that she felt like she was okay. I also spoke with her daughter, Cherish, last week; she was very confident about going to heaven because she said she was a good person. After a while, she admitted that she "thought" she would go to heaven. Inevitably, it has to be the Holy Spirit Who shines the light in their lives. Please pray with us for the salvation of Stephanie, Winner, Cherish and Purity.



Stephanie & family



Patrice, a gentleman from Cameroon, was raised in a Catholic family. As an adult, he started reading the Bible, and it made a profound impact on him because he recognized that Catholic teaching had no support in Scripture. Soon afterward, Patrice found himself in a charismatic church, but it was not a good experience as the pastor had obvious moral issues that came to light. Now here he is on our doorstep! He started coming to services in June (after being invited by Sandra, a faithful member). I have had the opportunity to speak with him about salvation and eternal life, and his response was simply, "Well, God will decide." I let him know that God's free gift of eternal life is waiting on him, and that it's his decision to make. He is mulling it over, but I believe that it may be some time before the cobwebs of false doctrine and bad ideas are swept away. Please pray that God's Spirit would work in Patrice's heart.

We are counting on your prayers and the Holy Spirit's help as we move forward in reaching Charleville-Mézières for Christ.

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