



Dear praying partners,

“Une bonne année et une bonne Santé” (A good year and a good health) is the traditional greeting that is shared in France all through the month of January. Today these wishes seem far away, yet they are desperately longed for by the unsaved around us.

France has been hit at full speed with the current pandemic. On March 12, the virus had already claimed the lives of 61 people. Five days later, the count had more than doubled with 148 total deaths, and 6,633 confirmed cases of COVID-19 Coronavirus. As of March 17, people are required to stay home, to telecommute when possible, and children are discovering a very basic online/home schooling system. All businesses, excepted for grocery stores, banks, pharmacies and doctors’ offices, are on shutdown. This situation has certainly created an eerie atmosphere and brought, in many cases, the worst out of people, but then also the best. I will not epilogize on this subject, but should you want more information on the situation in France, you can visit www.france24.com/en/ (a French news website in English).

Last fall, as more and more people had been requesting Bibles and booklets through our website, we organized a fundraiser in order to purchase 1,000 Bibles. The Lord quickly provided through the generous gifts of several Christians and churches. In January, we placed an order for 1,000 Bibles. The publisher not only gave us a discount, but to our surprise, we were also given an additional 192 Bibles free of charge! Since January, we have shipped 121 Bibles, along with other material, to people across France. We certainly thank God for His provisions and for those who gave toward this project.

We praise the Lord for the ministry He has given us among the youth. The Bible Baptist Church of Amiens reaches out to children and teens through Bible clubs. We rejoice that, throughout the year, six unsaved teens have faithfully attended the meetings, during which we have a time of fun, a good snack and a Bible study. We’ve just finished a series on why we believe God exists and why we can trust the Bible is His Word. The little ones have their meetings at our house with Damaris and Susan Abbett. Please pray for a more regular attendance and please pray for their salvation.

Over the years, you have prayed with us that we would find an adequate meeting place and then rejoiced with us when, in October, we started renting a facility in downtown Amiens. Many thought that we would be moving in right away and take full advantage of the facility. However, from the very start, we knew there was going to be quite a bit of red tape before that could happen.

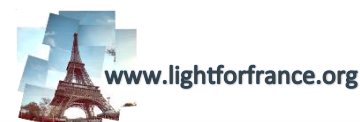
In order to use the building for church activities, we first had to send in an inch thick of paperwork. This was only to transfer its official denomination from a business to a worship place. It also included a description of the renovation work we are planning in order to comply to handicap accessibility and fire safety regulations. We received the city’s authorization for the transfer but also for us to begin the renovation work in February. Once the renovation work is complete, we will, of course, have to file more paperwork with the city hall and wait for the safety commission to approve the facility and to open the building to the public. At first, we were planning on doing all the work ourselves, but several obstacles arose. One is obviously the current pandemic. Another is that I will be needing surgery for carpal tunnel, which has now been postponed due to the current situation.

Please pray with us that amid the uncertainty this world faces and people realizing the frailty of their lives, that we would all be up for the challenge of bringing them the hope and peace only Jesus-Christ can give.

We thank you for your enduring precious prayers and your generosity to help us in the ministry here.

In His service and in yours,

Jeremie, Damaris, Adam, Abel and Anthony



“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.” (John 12:46)

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