



# Jeremie and Damaris Dodeler

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“There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand” (Psalm 19:21).

Dear praying partners,

This verse has undoubtedly taken a more profound meaning these last 12 months as it has given us a new perspective on life and ministry but has also brought us to humble ourselves more in prayer before our Father. We had made several projects for the ministry, which never came to completion, and others that had to be drastically changed. Though we've faced obstacles and have been forced to adapt the way we minister, our goals and our resolve remain the same, if not greater and stronger.

Our region of Hauts de France is currently among the most affected by COVID-19. This has forced the government to place the Somme Department, and 16 others, under a third lockdown. This confinement appears to be more lenient than the two previous ones. We are still allowed to meet for Sunday services but must have our prayer meetings and Bible Studies on Zoom as there is a national curfew. We are still looking into the possibility of continuing the renovation work at the building. Despite the situation, the Lord has led us to cross the paths of several people, and through a simple conversation were able to share about the Lord.

We praise the Lord for the opportunities He has given us among the youth. The current conditions have, of course, forced us to change the way we minister. We are grateful that by conducting online Bible Clubs, we've been able to share more about God's love and grace. Please remain in prayer for these young people and for their parents. We rejoice that they are keeping an open mind about spiritual matters, but they have yet to open their hearts!

Since the beginning of the year, we have seen a steady interest for Bibles through our website. We have sent out an average of 10 Bibles per week to people across the country. Please pray for these people to let the Holy Spirit convince them of their need of salvation and for the Lord to lead Christians on their paths.

The building renovations were going well until this lockdown. We had started painting the main room and the children's room. There is still some plumbing to finish in the restrooms and some tiling. Finally, we must install the emergency exit blocks, fire extinguishers and send more paperwork before being able to open. Though we have had several unexpected obstacles, such as water damage on one wall and even some of our power tools being stolen, it is thrilling to see this project coming to an end. Please continue to pray with us that we may use this building as soon as possible! We praise God for a recent generous gift from a supporting church to help us purchase the last materials for the renovation of the building.

We have no certainty yet about the government allowing camps this summer. We will, however, prepare as if everything was normal and then adapt to the situation whatever that may be. We, thus, must continue to trust God, submit to His will and pray to be allowed to have camps.

This semester, I have been teaching online New Testament History and Romans courses for the IBBL. Brother Abbett and I have also been helping fill the pulpit for the church in Champigny, a southeast suburb of Paris. Please pray for us to be a blessing and to be of sound counsel for this church that is currently without a pastor. This current confinement prevents us currently to travel there.

Pray for more opportunities to share the Gospel and to interact with : E. and C., M. and K., F. and M., T. and H. (neighbors whose son attends Bible Club), E., M., L., K., M. (teens), C. (the church's landlord), for the other building tenants and for our neighbors.

We thank you for your love, your kindness and your help manifested through prayers and through financial support.

**MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!**

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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