

John and Sue Wilson

Spring in Paris

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Hello,

Spring in Paris, brings thoughts of new life and the greatest news we've had this year is that we will become grandparents! Jess & Jack are expecting their first child in September. We hope travel restrictions will allow us to travel and visit them during this happy time.

Spring also brings Easter joy as we celebrate the Good News of life in Christ.

Recently we were contacted by a second year student at the Sorbonne University who during the lockdown of last year had decided to read the Bible. Though he had a nominal Catholic background, he decided from his Bible reading that he needed to find a Protestant church where he could better explore his questions. Please can you pray for this student, who has now integrated Sue's group for new Christians that is in its third year. On Thursday nights we run two Bible study groups and have over 30 people attending, a third of whom are discovering the Bible.

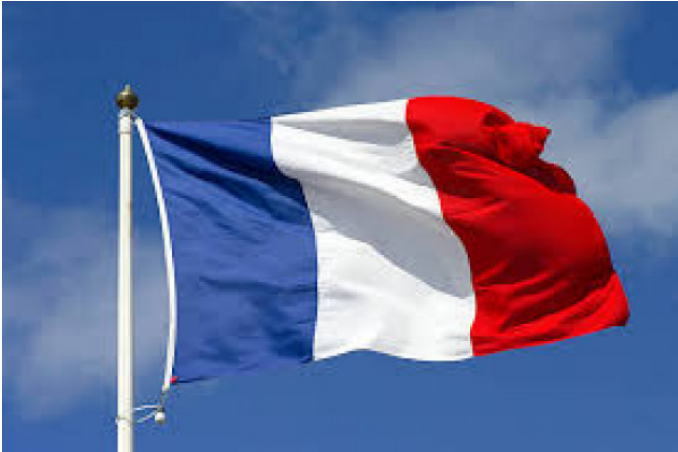


Other challenges facing us include people on the move. Recently we helped a Ghanaian who knocked on our door. He had come to Paris to find work but had his passport and wallet stolen. He only spoke English and Spanish, so John showed him how he could find help through social services and how to get in contact with his embassy. When he said he felt discouraged because God hadn't answered his prayer, John suggested that perhaps the beginning step in the answer to his prayer was when he knocked on the door of an English speaking pastor in Paris!

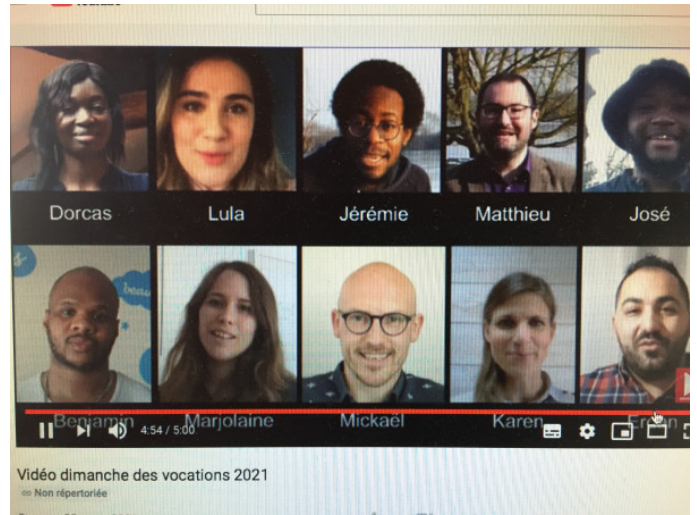


A camera crew from a national television station also turned up on our doorstep to film. The reason was that a new law was being passed by the National Assembly to protect the Republic from separatist movements. Unlike English Separatism in the 17th Century, the dissension feared relates to a betrayal of Republican values. Whilst the unspoken fear is about Islamic radicalism, some government voices used the growth of evangelical churches as a foil to voice these concerns.

Rather than stoke the flames the French Evangelical Council, who have their offices in our buildings, were happy to explain our convictions about the separation of church and state.



What a privilege it is to continue serving the French Baptist Federation as it grows and develops. The Ministry Commission that John chairs, currently has 10 students who are training for the ministry. Two of the students come from our own church and you might also recognise Dorcas our student pastor. We are proud to see the diversity and promise of these ministerial candidates. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their training and find church placements that suit their gifts and abilities.



Please continue to pray that new life in Christ will find good ground in France. For the witness of all Christians to remain strong despite the pressures to conform. Thank God for the people he is calling to serve him, both at home and overseas. Pray that mission will remain at the heart of all our churches.

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Yours in Christ,

Sue & John

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