

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

October 25, 2021, Ferrassières, France

What a blessing to know the Lord, who loves us, gave Himself for us and knows us personally! Soon we shall all be reunited with Him. That truth keeps us going!

Here are a few items for prayer and praise:

Three who left the assembly over 2 years ago are now back and rejoicing, and we with them. PTL! We still need a few more brothers so that the assembly can function reasonably and that I can consider a few plans for myself. Otherwise the Lord is very present in our meetings. What grace!

The three baptisms are history now and God was glorified! Testimonies, prayers, praise, singing from the heart, gospel preaching to a large friendly gathering of friends and family, and a beautiful picnic under giant shade trees in an idyllic country post-card setting. That was the menu!

A Bible study promises to be developing, post baptism. Have met once. Pray for continuity. Perseverance is a rare animal and our common Enemy is not a happy camper with this. Sooo...

A relatively new brother to the assembly is now in prison for a past crime. The judge was without mercy and gave him 10 years. This is being appealed and there is great hope for a much reduced sentence. The brother is zealous for the Lord, has keen insight into the Word, is fearless in sharing the gospel. Pray for his protection in prison, for others to come to Christ, for peace and provision for his wife and their 3 year old daughter.

A sad story: I learned recently that an elderly couple that I have known for quite a while were obliterated a year and a half ago on their way home from the market. (I had been wondering where they were as their absence was noticeable.) Possibly we had talked that morning? There were body parts as the head on with the truck, doubling illegally, sent them both to their eternal home. They had told me that because of me they had come to Christ. May the Lord be glorified.

A notable surprise at the Bible stand would be the aged nun who for 22 years has been passing by and now is saying "hi" and receiving cool literature and congratulating me for "la bonne parole!" Miracle! Some folks that I see regularly remain impervious to the truth of the gospel however. But it is the Spirit who gives life. So I leave that operation in His holy hands. The number of countries represented reached 50 many moons ago. More now I should think. So that is encouraging. And Bibles have been going out, along with other literature, in the past couple of months.

Scripture calendar distribution begins in a few days. Last year was positive.

On a personal note, you may want to pray for my mother-in-law, who has serious dementia, and my brother-in-law who cares for her, who was laid low by the virus, or the jab, and is now crawling back to "normal."

So, there is a little peek into what the Lord is doing. Your prayers are heard in heaven, for sure. Thank you again for your warm friendship, encouraging fellowship in Christ, and your gracious gifts which are always a blessing and huge help to me. God is glorified in all these things.

Let me know of your prayer requests also and anything else you would like to share. Your brother in Christ, Jerry