

French REDEMPTION PROJECT

'Sharing hope in the French Speaking World'

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26: 18

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Bonjour!

Current world events highlight the urgency of equipping new workers, indigenous to the culture in which they serve, to carry on the work of evangelism, church planting, and discipleship until the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Understanding already that cross-cultural ministry is most effective when it is geared to leadership training, and now considering the likelihood that Western 'missionaries' are less welcome than ever in some of the most spiritually dark places in the world, ministries that labor toward these strategic goals stand in need of much prayer, serious commitments of resources, and new workers.

For this reason we are grateful to God for the following recent developments:

- The Apollos Program in France, established under the leadership of Tim Knickerbocker, is nearing the close of it's second fruitful year of providing young adults (including Americans) an opportunity to study and gain practical experience in evangelism, church ministry, discipleship, and theology over the period of one academic year. It has been an honor and answer to prayer to have a part in this work.
- The sincere and stirring resolve of numerous pastors in France to work together focusing the efforts of various training ministries to produce as many as 100 new workers in the next 10 years.
- On a more personal note: The joy of seeing our daughter, Rachel, who, having participated in the first year of the Apollos Program; having learned to speak and understand French quite well; having now served 3 months as a member of the Apollos Staff; and having attended the Good Shepherd Baptist Mission – Missionary Training School (gsbministries.org) is now ready to serve full-time in France beginning this September. Rachel is serving with Beacon International Baptist Mission as an associate missionary under our supervision and alongside Tim and Elizabeth Knickerbocker in the Apollos program.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayer for us as we serve on your behalf to share the light of Christ in the French speaking world.

Sincerely,

Mark and Anne Gostlin



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