

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

Bonjour!

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January and February have been particularly mild months in regard to winter for Northern France and this has made distributing scriptures, tracts, and invitations, as well as doing 'sondages' (polls) much more agreeable and effective than it could have been had the winter been more severe. It might surprise people to know that Northern France is North of everywhere in the US except Alaska.

Vehicle challenges were presented when the Chrysler van that was used by the Apollos group for travel developed a severe rod-knock and was pronounced 'beyond reasonable repair'. We have been shuffling between vehicles since then while a search for a replacement vehicle is in progress. Some have sent special gifts to help replace the van which are greatly appreciated and we thank God who has enabled the group to make all of their appointments to date by various means.

Much of the work with the Apollos group consists of either street evangelism or distribution of literature and invitations in preparation for evangelistic conferences. Last Sunday, in both of the final services of an evangelistic conference in Rouen (hosted by L'Eglise Biblique Baptiste and Pastor Kim Fox) people responded for salvation after Bro. Tim Knickerbocker preached. We are working this week in preparation for another conference in Orleans and trust the Lord to work through the preaching of His word again.

The Bible Institute classes for the Apollos group which are given three to four days a week have been excellent and the students are gaining insight into the practical use of what they are learning. They present themselves well in the churches and their personal testimonies are a blessing. Our daughter, Rachel, is the group's 'cuisinière' (cook) and has the responsibilities of making menus, preparing meals, shopping for supplies, and also participating in the ministries of music, evangelism, and even teaching children.. Her presence with the group as a former member of the program and now a 'stagiaire' (apprentice) has been a good testimony in the churches and an encouragement to the 2010/11 ministry team.

We are privileged to represent the Lord Jesus Christ and do so on the behalf of those who pray for us and give to support this ministry. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him!

Sincerely,

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