

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

Dear Friends,

August 4, 2012

This past Sunday afternoon, when the church family in Lille was gathered for a 5th Sunday Fellowship, I was surprised by a huge banner that read, 'Happy Birthday Mark'. My 50th birthday had been just a few days earlier. Dishes from all over France were prepared and songs were sung in the mother tongues of various church members including local dialects from Togo, Madagascar, and Cameroon; and also Portuguese, Bulgarian. It was fun and I felt blessed!

Rachel reports that the first 2-week session at Camp Arc-en-ciel (Rainbow) went well and that decisions for salvation and dedication to the Lord were made by a good number of campers. The two young ladies, Braelyn and Teagan, who came from the US to help for the summer seem to be enjoying their experience in missionary service in spite of a little homesickness – naturally.

Anne and I continue to handle the church ministries here in Lille, serving in the absence of Greg and Judy Sirmons. We've known some of the people in this church since 2006 and have often been here serving over these past 3 years because Lille was the winter home of the Apollos program until recently.

In July, I wrote to you about the need for travel funds for the work in the Ivory Coast this coming Fall. In response to that \$575 has been received and a church increased our monthly support by \$50 (which, thankfully, addresses both this short term and the long term need). Another church has expressed the desire to help, but their level of involvement is not yet determined. We can still purchase all 3 tickets for about \$4400, total. We expect to be able to handle the other expenses (visas, vaccination updates, supplies) with the regular monthly support that those who sustain this ministry so faithfully provide. I have been fasting and praying for the direction of the Holy Spirit in this matter and have peace that we should continue with these plans. Your prayer for God's direction and provision for this project is appreciated. It is an honor to serve the King of Kings on your behalf!

For our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Mark Gostlin



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