



Strasbourg Work Report

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Have you all seen the movie: "The Best/Worst Christmas Pageant Ever"? For those of you who haven't, it is a story of a group of feral children that go to church for the first time because they heard that they were given free snacks there. Their father abandoned the family and the mother had to work several jobs to make ends meet and so without supervision, they are out of control, even to the point of committing arson and theft. Eventually they bully their way into getting the lead roles in the annual Christmas church pageant.

Two weeks ago, after church, a few of us stayed behind to put up the songbooks and chairs. We were all frightened to death to hear a blood curdling scream coming from the downstairs entry. Kathy, a member, went down to see what was going on and found the area empty. About 15 minutes later the screaming happened again and soon after again and again and again. Finally, we observed the entrance from the upstairs window and saw a group of children running and hiding in the bushes on the other side of the church gate. As they crept closer to the door, I am ashamed to admit that the idea of dumping a bucket of water on their heads to dissuade them crossed my mind. Fortunately, Gen 4.7 also popped in my memory, when God said to Cane, "Sin is crouching at your door, it desires to have you, but you must rule over it." So instead, I asked Tammy to take a box of candies we kept for the children's class and go and invite them to church. As soon as they saw the lollipops, kids started coming out of the woodwork! Some ran from behind the bushes, others from the back of the neighbor's home, some climbed over an opposite wall, others descended trees.... They were dirty, with tattered clothes, broken teeth, and gnarled hair. Each stood as still as statues with their hands outstretched gazing with blue eyes the size of saucers over noses powdered with freckles. "Can we really come to church?" the oldest asked. "Do we need to register" lisped a red headed 6-year-old.



There are 6 children in the family and their single mother is pregnant with the 7th. They live in a two- bedroom apartment next to the building. I think she has been quite relieved to send them our way on Wednesdays and Sundays for services. In the movie I mentioned earlier, the children fell in love with the Jesus they learned about and their lives were forever transformed. Our new friends' first Sunday at church was somewhat chaotic but then, when I saw their faces light up during the singing and heard their little voices belt out praises to God, I was reminded of Jesus' words "Let the little

children come to me". These kids definitely are hoping to be close to him. They have also started to attend our Wednesday night classes. Tammy is doing a great job handling all the children's activities. She manages to teach all the various age groups despite the little resources she has at her disposal in French.

The past few months since our last newsletter have passed in a flurry of activity. While the world seems to be in conflict and the news full of violence – we are seeing a little up-tick in the receptivity of those around us.

Previously, I mentioned Maude and her daughter Lally. They have come to our Wednesday night studies faithfully where we are learning the Evidences that the Bible is inspired and are now convicted that it is indeed the word of God. They have also read the books; "A Muscle and a Shovel" and "Baptism a Believer's Wedding Ceremony". Maude told me that she is seriously considering baptism and just wants to be sure that she "counts the cost" before committing to what she believes is the most important decision of her life. I have told her that the minute she is ready, we will make it happen. Now we pray that she recognizes the urgency. Her daughter will probably follow in her footsteps, but she still needs a bit more time.

Jafar (our Libyan refugee and contact from English classes through the Bible) is also present every Wednesday and Sunday. He listens to the proofs of the Bible's authority and we can see by his questions and comments that he is engaged in an inner battle between what he is beginning to see as truth and his attachment to his Muslim identity. His biggest obstacle is the deity of Jesus. Now that we have established that the Bible is the Inspired Word of God and has been preserved without being tempered with, we are going to be dealing with Jesus' deity specifically. Please pray that God continues to work in his life so that the seed takes root in his heart. We have come to love our Libyan friend and would love for him to take hold of God's eternal blessings.

I also continue to study weekly with Youssouf, a Muslim man that migrated here from Sudan. I recently found out that he was an architect in his country, before he had to flee and leave his mother due to the war. I really enjoy our interactions and our exchanges are always very encouraging and fulfilling. We first came in contact with him through the advertisement to study the Bible in



English. But it quickly became obvious that it was pointless to study the life of Jesus with him and then the book of Acts, if he didn't think the Bible was trustworthy. So, we put aside this program, to cover the same material that I am doing on Wednesday evenings about the evidences of the inspiration and authority of the Bible. His ready acceptance and gratefulness are a reminder to me of exactly why I love my job. Youssef is an ideal student. He is quick to understand the material that I am presenting and he draws easily the right conclusions. His questions and comments are always on target. I hope that it will lead at some point to his conversion. Of course, we never control the hearts of the outcome. But at least these studies for Jafar, Youssef, Maud and Laly have given me the opportunity to translate additional material on the History of the Bible. For a long time, I had thought that we should have in French the book entitled: "How we got the Bible" from Neil Lightfoot. Thanks to these studies, I now have a good portion of it in French.



Kathy, a single mother and faithful member of the body was blessed with the answer of many years of prayer. Her oldest child was withheld from her by circumstances beyond her control and raised in a very precarious situation in Cameroun. For years she has prayed diligently and in the month of April, Darel (now 17 years old) was miraculously given a visa to join her and his sisters. The country of France has been inundated with migrants over the past few years and so often there is a year-long waiting list before children can be placed in school. Once again, prayers were heard and he was able to begin school one week after his arrival. Darel was raised in a Pentecostal Church and whenever we breached the subject, he would adamantly insist that he was already baptized. He and his mother and I have studied the issue with him and last week he asked to speak to me after church. The final and most important prayer is being answered. After studying the scriptures, he has seen that his baptism was in fact, not in full obedience to what Jesus had asked and shown by example. So, we are continuing to study the subject and seeing his malleable heart, are confident that we will soon have the most glorious event to add to the sequel of his life!

While I am on the subject of glorious events, I am happy to share with you that a new soul was added to the kingdom in the month of March. When the New Year rolled in, I was contacted by a preacher from the country of Benin telling me that he had been in touch with a woman who lives several hours northeast of us and who had expressed an interest in baptism. I was given the contact information of Francine and we began to study together online and over the phone. She was able to take a bus to come spend the weekend with us and that Sunday was immersed for the forgiveness of her sins. She lives hours from any Lord's church whether that be in France or Belgium and we talked about her need to be close to a body of believers. For



the moment, her situation is complicated by the conditions of her work visa but she is trying to fix that. In the meanwhile, she follows online and continues her studies with myself and the preacher in Benin.

Tammy and I continue to give English lessons to 5 individuals weekly. Tammy remains involved in an association that helps isolated elderly and mentally handicapped individuals in an effort to make new contacts. She also keeps busy with children's classes and activities. The young adults at church are taking an interest in being involved in the leadership and service of the church which has provided us the opportunity to mentor and this is very encouraging!

We also continue to be active with the church in Verviers. Regularly I study with various members over the phone and I go down for visits with Tammy. When I am there, I always teach the mid-week study or preach for them on Sunday morning. Since my father has a hard time to see, he now asks the men of the congregation to alternate with him more regularly. I often get phone calls from them because they need help preparing their sermons or lessons.



On the family front all is going well also. Marilena is working hard as a nurse in an ICU step-down unit and is active in her young adult group at church. Candi, Ben, and Elijah were able to come and visit us for two weeks this past month and man, what a blessing that was!! We so enjoyed getting to hug on each of them and dote on our perfect grandson! He has a great little sense of humor and kept us in stitches the whole time. It was also really good to see the bond that Candi has with her church family here. They welcomed Ben with open arms and were just as goo-goo about Elijah as us!

I can't adequately express the joy that I feel in my heart communicating the many ways that God has blessed the work here and our family. It is so true that He is able to do immeasurably more than all we can hope for or imagine. Another thing that brings me joy is the love and support that you have shown the work here and our family. You are a part of God's abundant blessings in our lives and your love will impact generations to come. I hope that you know how much we love and appreciate each of you. Please know that we keep you in our prayers with great regularity.

We send you our love and wish you a good summer. In Him, Daniel and Tammy Frerot

