



## SUMMER REVIEW 2025



More than 40 years ago, my friend, Tim, and I walked along the ridge of La Meije, one of the highest 13,000 foot mountains in the French Alps. From that **vantage point**, we could clearly see the valleys on both sides, where we came from, and where we were going. This summer I experienced that familiar feeling several times, in different contexts.



Many of our regular seasoned summer workers join us again this year. Some have been coming for 20 years. They were joined by those who came for the first time, and who now hope to return. It was great to see the veterans training the next generation of counselors and service team helpers. From our **vantage point**, we can look back and see how God has raised people up to help us, and how He is raising up a new generation of workers for the future.



Our first family camp was filled with mostly familiar faces, families who have been coming for many years. The children of these families were 5-6 years old when we first met them, and we've had the privilege of watching them grow up. Now they are in their 20s and helping us in the camp programs. These young people are also actively involved in their churches and various ministries all across France.



At our second family camp we had many **new** families, along with several former campers who are now married and have children of their own. For this session we had a lot of younger kids 0-13 years old. From our **vantage point**, it's easy to believe that this is our next generation of French counselors that we will have the privilege of watching grow up and put their faith in Christ. It was a blessing to see those who were once our youngest campers, who are now young adults, helping in the children's programs and helping raising up the next generation of Christ followers.



From the **vantage point** of having spent many years in France, it's a great blessing to look back and see all that God has done in the lives of our campers and helpers over four generations.

I do not believe in "quantifying" results, as God alone sees the heart. But we can look all across France and see former (and current) campers who have put their faith in Jesus and are actively engaged in the work of the Church. We see pastors, elders, missionaries, church leaders, evangelists, discipleship leaders, Bible school teachers and students, youth and university student leaders, and even Camp des Cimes staff whose salvation, discipleship, and call to ministry have their path through the Camp.

***"There's something about this place. I can't explain it, but God does things here."***



This was a reoccurring theme that I heard several times over the summer. God once again showed up and met people and touched hearts in this little mountain village tucked away in the French Alps.

Thank you for the part you have in all that God is doing in France through the Camp des Cimes!

As you know, we are now back in the States for a 4-month tour of our supporting churches. We've had many great reunions, reconnecting with family and friends in Texas, Saint Louis, Memphis and Chicago. Here is our schedule for the next three months.

**Oct. 12 - Graceway Baptist Church, Enid, OK**

**Oct. 19 - Antioch Church, Odessa, TX**

**Oct. 26 - Hope Community Church, Midland, TX**

**Nov. 9 - Marsh Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, TX**

**Nov. 16 - First Baptist Church, Thermopolis, WY**

**Nov. 30 - First Baptist Church, Riverton, WY**

**Dec. 7 - Calvary Baptist Church, Hot Springs, SD**

## FAMILY STUFF

**Terah** was able to traveling with us this past month. She has enjoyed seeing many of our friends who have known her since she was a baby. But mostly, she has enjoyed seeing her niece, River Grace. Terah will Travel with us again when we head north to Wyoming.



**Rhea & Flo** didn't get much rest after the summer. She is back working part time at the local junior high and part time at Camp. The new school year has had its challenges, especially since the Camp is having a busy Fall season. Flo is fully implicated at Camp and has several new responsibilities. Pray for them as they navigate work, life, and outreach.

**Noah, Stephanie & River** are settled in and adapting to life in Saint Louis. It was great to be able to spend extended time with them and to celebrate River's first birthday. They have found a good church that they like, which happens to be where two of Noah's childhood friends from France also attend. We're looking forward to seeing them again in December.



Thank you for praying for our family and the work God has called us to here in France.

*Tom, Brenda & family*

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