

The French Press

With the James Carney Family

Dear **Praying** Friends,

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The end of this September we are participating in Hierges' garage sale. We will be setting up a stand and distributing materials. We also plan to sell desserts. **Please pray** for this outreach. Our goal is to share the good news with as many as possible. Even if the whole gospel message is not shared, we share a quick message from God and at the same time make contacts.

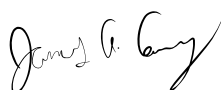
Please pray for our ladies' meetings. Each month 7-12 ladies meet and fellowship around the word, a meal and games. The ladies from the church love this time and usually stay late into the night each month. There are usually a handful of unsaved ladies present at each meeting. **Please pray** for their salvation.

For the men's meeting we are 4-6 usually and we study the Word together, sometimes we have a cookout and some games. **Please pray** for that God would help me to disciple the men in our church and that God would give them a passion for his Word and his mission. As you can see there are half the amount of men in the church as there are woman; this is a common phenomenon, but a troubling one to me. Our goal is to see men become spiritual leaders in their home, community and church.

As you know, every summer we have vacationers from the Netherlands that visit our church. We have heard that there is a website in Dutch that lists churches that can be visited when on vacation. Our church is on the list, apparently. One Sunday we had over 25 visitors from the Netherlands. This more than doubled our church attendance. When we have English speaking believers I usually run the service in French and English. As I preach in French, I translate the essential points as I go into English. As long as I have been the pastor, we have received English/Dutch-speaking visitors every summer (except around Covid). **Why don't we ask God to give us a family that speaks Dutch and French or English and Dutch that could translate during the summer months?** Is this too hard for the Lord?

We need workers and I don't mean help from the States, but from the EU. We need ressources. We need growth. We need wisdom. We need boldness. Don't get me wrong, as a US-supported missionary we have more ressources than churches that are solely funded and based in France. God has sent us here to make an impact. He wants us to think longterm and to plod away at growing our church and other churches. We can do this without you, but we would rather not. **Would you ask God if and how he wants you to help us?** Thank you for partnering together with us.

Merci,



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