

We enjoy working with our excellent steering group and now we are enjoying discussing the preparations for appointing elders and deacons.

On a different note, one challenge of international church work is that increasingly students come to Bordeaux from a Christian background, with a conscious faith in Christ, but with a sexual ethic out of line with the gospel. The challenge is to encourage and help everyone on to holiness. Please pray for a pastoral heart, for wisdom and for clarity.

Thank you for your prayers!

Every blessing,

*Alan, Pat,  
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**A Bible Church  
in the heart of Bordeaux  
To glorify God  
To strengthen Christians  
To reach anyone and everyone  
with the Gospel of Christ**

**Help us to reach Bordeaux with the gospel!**

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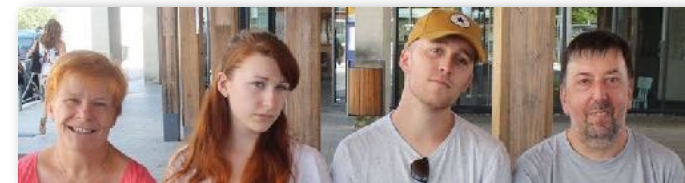
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... And pray in the Spirit on all occasions  
with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always  
keep on praying for all the Lord's people.  
Ephesians 6:18

Dear friends,

Many thanks for your prayers. We depend on you so much!

What news from Bordeaux? Well firstly after 12 years in Pessac we are moving into Bordeaux itself. We like the town of Pessac but we came here because of the children's education and now that's pretty well over so we're off! Our new flat is near the river in a district that is being redeveloped. It's quite near the main railway station and much more convenient for the centre of the city. We'll miss the vines and our former neighbours, but the new place is a little bigger and Alan will be able to have an office again. Our new address is shown on this leaflet and we will have moved by July 6th.

Moving means lots of things to organise, so please pray for a calm, orderly, methodical approach and for God's blessing on our new place, our new neighbours and our new situation.

Speaking of the children's education we're thankful that both have completed their degrees. Gwilym is now working in a church in Harrow and will marry Beth Elkins in September. Catrin is taking some time to serve in an orphanage in South Africa before returning to continue her studies in music.



We'll travel to London for Gwilym's graduation ceremony, but there is no fuss for students in France. You just go along to the office some time and collect your certificate.

We haven't done any UK church visits this year because it is already a year of much to-ing and fro-ing to the UK. So far we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in London, attended a family wedding in Daventry, Alan enjoyed a conference in London in June, there's UFM Family conference, Gwilym's graduation, and his and Beth's wedding, too.

Yes, yes, but what about the work in Bordeaux?

Well on 13 May our baptism service at Bordeaux Church was a real team effort. Peter and Alan used their best flatpack furniture skills to construct the collapsible baptistery in the courtyard of the room where we meet. Then they tried out various baptism techniques in order to choose the best one! James Hely-Hutchinson from the Belgian Bible Institute preached in French and Océane translated into English. Maxime and Peter ran back and fore with bowls and kettles of hot water. And last but by no means least, Léa and Frances were baptised. Many of Léa's family came. She is from Bordeaux and the first in her family to come to faith in Jesus.



Some of our key people have managed to get work experience and or jobs in Bordeaux, so we're very encouraged by that. How wonderful that some of our younger folk can stick around and continue to build with us! We also have our first families with small children coming regularly to the church. Please pray for us to be able to reach different age-groups.

Our monthly English conversation outreach has sometimes had to be cancelled because of our café-owning friends' illness or simple fatigue.

After eight weeks' delay, a strongly-worded email and the threat of a twitter campaign our bank account was finally validated and is now active!

Meanwhile, plans and preparations continue for the launch of the French Church in the heart of the city in September. Our Friday evening Bible Study and Prayer time has been dedicated to the project until the end of June. Please pray with us. Especially we need to have a core of people committed to the project and a good place to meet. There are good possibilities for both.

Wisdom and grace will be needed to define and live out the relationship between the francophones and anglophones. Please pray for us in these uncharted waters.