



"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. Habakuk 2:4

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September has arrived. Last week, the children went back to school after their 8 weeks holiday. Maxime has changed classroom and teacher. Jean-Baptiste is keeping the same teacher. The football has restarted, and as well as the music lessons Maxime is not keen on football and has decided he wants to do pony riding. Benjamin is still at home for another year though. Mum and Dad are doing well.

Holiday

We had a fortnight holiday in Wales at the end of August. We are grateful to our friends Geraint and Magali for lending us their home for a few days before heading to Aberystwyth where we attended the Welsh conference of the Evangelical Movement of Wales. It was good to be there. It is much smaller than the English one, but there are still a few hundred people attending. It was good to see friends and family and catch up. The main speaker was Mark Thomas, from Wrexham, who preached from 2 Peter 1 on "The church in the 21st Century". The children enjoyed themselves and adapted very quickly. They managed to communicate and made some progress in Welsh. We then spent a few days in Bala before heading home on 29th August.

Summer team

Earlier, at the beginning of July, we had a summer team. Four people came from Scotland, joined by Alice from Wales and Joseph and Lydie from Guingamp. We did things a bit differently this year, spending more time on the streets, talking with people. It was challenging, but worthwhile. We had a few good conversations. We were struck by the hostile reaction of some people. It is clear that French people do not want God's authority over their lives. Those who seem to show interest are really only interested in the benefits of religion can bring rather than submission to the living and true God. The children club was successful with 7 children attending both sessions. We also projected the Film « Most, the movie » in Rostrenen and Ploumagoar. It was each time well attended with several visitors. But few stayed behind to chat after the projection.

Funeral

On the 1st of August, Emmanuel received a phone call from one of our members to announce the death of her mother Lucie. She was 100 and had been a Christian for 50 years. In the absence of the pastor, Emmanuel conducted the funeral on the following Monday. 180 people gathered, most of whom had never heard the gospel. It was a marvellous opportunity to share with them the hope that Lucie had when she entered into the Lord's presence. The former pastor of the church, Alain Monclair took part in the service.

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Looking ahead

All the activities are restarting in the church. The new item this year is a men's fellowship meeting. The first meeting will be on Saturday morning 28th September. The youth group is restarting on 28th September also , and we will probably study the book of Daniel.

Some prayer matters

Thank you for your prayerful support. Here are a few points you may want to pray for:

- Pray for **Arnaud and Gladys**. They seem to want to distance themselves from the church. They have heard the gospel and have a bible at home. Pray that they will come to conviction of sin and be converted.
- Pray for **Pierre** who was baptised last January. He has also chosen to distance himself from the church and has gone back to the Traditionalist Roman Catholic church.
- Pierre's son **Benoit** is showing a desire to attend the youth group but has volunteered to help at the football stadium on match days.
- One of our members was diagnosed with a Parkinson's disease a few month ago. The treatment is going well. Remember her husband, **Jean-Claude**, who is also an unbeliever.
- Pray for us. As you can see, the spiritual battle is fierce. The devil will not let souls go without a fight.
- Pray for more contacts and opportunities to share the gospel.
- Pray for our financial support which is still quite low.

Yours in His Service

Emmanuel, Esther, Jean-Baptiste, Maxime, Benjamin.

Dear friends,

I would like to add a few words to Emmanuel and Esther's prayer letter to express our appreciation of them and their ministry in Guingamp. Emmanuel and Esther have now completed 3 years in Brittany and we thank the Lord for their faithful service. To enable them to continue to serve in France we would like to see Emmanuel and Esther's team of prayer and financial supporters being strengthened. If you are able to help in any way, by pledging monthly to their support or by giving a one-off gift, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your ongoing love and prayer for Emmanuel and Esther. If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact William Brown (Assistant Director) or myself. I commend Emmanuel and Esther and the family to you warmly. Many thanks and every blessing,

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