



NOTES OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

FROM THE

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from Toulon, France in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that you are well in the Lord and that He is blessing your various ministries as you seek to serve Him for His glory. We want to thank you for your continued faithfulness. We know it cannot be easy for you during this world financial crisis. I would like to bring you up to date on what is happening with us and the ministry here in southern France.

We are happy to report that our MPM France team is back to full capacity. The Gribbins got back from furlough in June, spiritually and physically refreshed from their stay in the States. We sure are thankful to have them back with us again. Center attendance has been good. Lately, not too many new people have come but this allows us the possibility of concentrating our efforts on those we are already friends with.



good works, traditions and rituals. They need to know and understand that only by faith in Christ, and Him alone, can anyone be made right with God.

Our Bible studies are held every Friday afternoon. At 2:00 p.m. we have *Jean-Pierre*, an unsaved Roman Catholic, who is the stepfather of one of our church members. He comes faithfully, listens well, and participates in the study, but holds on to the Roman Catholic Church traditions. He has not yet grasped the truth that salvation is only in the Lord Jesus Christ. His idea of salvation is still Christ, plus...baptism, communion, Mary, etc. **Pray** that the Lord will open his eyes and



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This past year, I have made several Gospel presentations to project on the wall with a video projector. I intersperse pictures with Bible verses (**like the one shown here**) to gain the attention of the guys for spiritual conversations. The first one was on the theme of the wonders of God, His creation. The purpose was to introduce them to the fact that God is the Creator of all things and that we are responsible before Him for how we live our lives. The next presentation that I made was on the theme of "Jesus as the water of life/the only way to the Father." Dealing with a lot of men of the Muslim faith (at least nominally), this video is very important to their understanding of the truth of the Gospel. They have been raised in a religion of

heart to the truth of the Gospel. Our 4:00 p.m. Bible study is open to the guys/girls who come to the Center. We only have a few who come to the study, mainly *Samy* and *Gary*. Sometimes others, like *Toto* and *Michou*, have come a time or two, but not on a regular basis. *Samy* is our most regular attender. He is a bit slow in his general understanding of things so we do not know just how much of the Gospel he understands. He can repeat the plan of salvation but we see no evidence that he has, as yet, accepted Christ as his Savior.

The photo at right is of *Samy* and his 3 girls, *Sabrine*, *Serine*, and *Merine*. *Sabrine* and *Serine* have attended a Bible study with their dad. *Sabrine*, 11, seemed interested in what we had to say. Pray with us as we reach out to this family with friendship and the Gospel.



We use the teaching of English as another way of meeting people, making friends with the goal of outreach with the Gospel. *Cyndi* teaches a small group of businessmen and women who use their lunch break for the class. Pray for *Cyndi* as she prepares for the fall teaching schedule and tries to think of ways of using English as a stepping stone to the Gospel.

Another avenue of ministry that *Cyndi* has is teaching and helping out in two ladies Bible study groups. *Cyndi* leads the study in our church, and then teaches/helps out with the group from a sister church across town. They have a good little group of ladies wanting to study God's Word - pray for their families. *Cyndi* also has a few unsaved women with whom she is ministering. *Isabelle* is very interested in the Gospel and *Cyndi* meets with her on a fairly regular basis. Pray for her understanding and that the Word will do its work in her heart.

We are also working with a couple of military families. *Flavia*, a franco-brasilian married to a French sailor stationed here in Toulon, was saved a few years ago through *Joy Gribbin's* English outreach. She is now a faithful member of our local church, serving the Lord with gladness, and witnessing regularly to her family, friends, and acquaintances. We are praying for the salvation of her husband, *Stéphane*. Although very reticent at first, a few months ago he gave *Flavia* the freedom to raise their two children in the Christian faith, basically because he recognized the moral advantage. *Stephane*, though tolerant of *Favia's* walk with the Lord, remains personally indifferent to spiritual things. Please pray with us for God to break down these walls and to conquer his heart with saving faith.



Matthieu and *Ngoc* (pictured at left with their son) are another navy family, both unsaved. They live in the building where the Center is located. *Matthieu* is a devout Roman Catholic who once trained for the priesthood. Very nice couple. We are praying that God will get hold of their hearts.

WE THANK EACH OF YOU for your faithfulness in your prayers and your support. I realize that it cannot be easy for you during this time of economic crisis, so we appreciate your sacrifice towards the reaching of men and women here, in France. May our Lord and Savior bless each of you and give you fruit for His glory.



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