



"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on thee
because he trusteth in thee."

Isaiah 26:3

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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

Four and a half months have gone by since my coming back to Toulon! My sister and her husband, *Rachel & Gerard*, were at the airport to meet me. From Day 1, things started right off with choir practice for the Easter program only a couple hours after I arrived in Toulon. The days and weeks that followed, up until now, have been a whirlwind of different ministry opportunities, finding an apartment, and trying to get settled in. Here is a summary of my main areas of ministry since I've been back in France:

- I resumed my activities at the military hospital, going there every Tuesday from 11 am to 4 pm. *Isabelle*, intern in Pharmacy, has now been transferred to Marseille. I continue to have contacts with her. **Pray** that the Lord will continue to use her testimony for the salvation of many, and that she might continue to grow in the Word and in the Lord. **Pray** also for *Manu* who comes very regularly. Things are more quiet now with the summer break, but there still are opportunities to witness.

- I have regular phone contact with one of our former military, *Jean-René*, who lives in an area where there is no church or Gospel testimony. These phone conversations are the only opportunity for him to get spiritual encouragement. **Pray** for him, and **pray** that I might have the right words to say, as well as the right Scriptures to use to encourage him in the Lord.

- **Pray** also for our contacts with individual military families.

- The ministry with the young people from the hair-dresser school and the guys from the neighborhood continues on. In dealing with

them, some days have been easier than others. HOT weather has finally come our way, we've had a lot of rain & cold weather. As a result, the "kids" haven't come in as much, but we need to be there anyway. **Continue to pray for this outreach** as this is more than likely the only opportunity they will have to hear the Gospel. At this time, the school is closed for the summer, so we only have some guys coming in. **Be already praying** for the new group of young people that will be coming in September, and for our testimony.

- I continue to be very involved in various aspects of church ministry. Among other things, soon after arriving in France, I had to prepare the 2009 annual financial reports for our church, Toulon West, and for the church in Brignoles, where I help in some areas. I also was involved in the choir preparing for the Easter program. Since June, I have also become a member of the church "choir committee" and we are preparing our program for the new school year. Our desire is not to put on a "show," but that the choir will reflect God and His message in a way that will honor Him and bring Christians closer to Him.

- Continue to pray for *Gyslaine*, who had made some progress. However, while I was in the States, and because of someone else's influence, she has stopped coming to church. Pray as we try to encourage her in the Lord.

- Time was also spent preparing for our annual Ladies Retreat, "Femmes en Provence," which took place May 7-9th. Besides helping with all the preparations of printing, mailing, and getting the facilities ready, I also took care of all the technical part of it (transporting and instal-

ling the sound systems – for the conference room and for the dining area – and installing the music instruments). During the retreat, I took care of the sound systems, helped with the music, and recorded the messages so participants could have them later on (either on CD's or for download via a web-site). The members of the organizing committee (myself included) also helped in various other aspects of the retreat. We had a good turnout with more ladies than we have ever had since we started 9 years ago. The theme was: "Let us, together, build our lives in Jesus Christ." It was very good and had a positive impact in many lives. Now, we are preparing for next year's retreat, during which we will celebrate our 10th anniversary!

Of course, a lot of my time was also taken up looking for an apartment. After much research and visiting quite a few apartments, the Lord opened the door for an apartment (on the 5th U.S. floor/4th French floor). I signed the papers and got the keys April 29th in the afternoon. The cost to get in was kind of high, but not unusual (could have been much worse). I had to pay: one month's rent, a deposit (guarantee), and a rental agency fee. So, my **TOTAL TO PAY UP-FRONT** was 1,708.00 euros, which is about \$2,300.00. Even though it was tight to pay all this money, I had been able to set funds aside from gifts I received from my meetings while in the U.S. However, on top of that, I had some moving expenses, kept at the lowest as I had the help of a number of men from the 2 churches.

I also had extra costs to get settled in. When one rents an apartment in France, all you have are the bare walls, no light fixtures (just wires hanging from the ceiling); kitchen sink; wash bowl; shower (or) bathtub in the bathroom, and that's about it. Even though I have most everything needed, there are always things to adjust to the new setting and some unpredictable expenses. At some point, I will need to have some electrical rewiring done. I evaluate that to be at least 400 Euros. **Please pray** that the Lord will provide these funds that are not in my very tight budget. **Pray also** that the Lord will provide the extra financial support I need.

I got the keys to the apartment on April 29th, but was not able to do the actual move until May 14th, for I couldn't get the adequate help until then. Since then, I've been working to try to get things in order, but it is a very

slow process as I am doing everything by myself. One afternoon, Phil, one of the military men, came to "hang" a larger kitchen cabinet than the other ones I had already hung as it was too heavy for me to hang it. I spent my first night at the apartment on May 20th. Up to that point, I had been staying at my sister's house. I am still in the process of getting settled.

PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

You can also reach me by phone - direct dialing from the U.S. (6 hours difference: 9 am in the U.S. is 3 pm in France):

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Our family, here in France, as well as state-side, has gone through some joyous times and other times that were spent on our feet (helping) and knees (praying):

- ◆ My niece, *Gentiane Deck*, made me a great aunt on May 17th, when *Emma Louanne* was born.
- ◆ My niece, *Priscille Gaggelli*, also presented to our family *Bastien Delmo Samuel* on June 10th. He was born prematurely, but is home now and doing well
- ◆ My niece, *Teresa* had a miscarriage in June. **Pray for her and her husband, Jimmy**, during this difficult time. They are also looking for jobs. As you know, this is especially very difficult in Michigan.

Space is lacking to write about many more things that are being done to reach the lost and help Christians grow. So, in closing, I would like to once again **thank you so much for your faithful prayers, encouragement and financial support**. Please continue to uphold me before the Throne of Grace. May God bless, sustain, and encourage you as you serve Him where He has placed you.

In His service,



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