

# The French Press

With the James Carney Family

Dear **Praying** Friends,

The months of January and February were invested in starting 2021 on the right track. There were many things pending from the past year of confinement and uncertainty that we were not able to do every week as we were before (visitation, church meetings together, meeting with people...). One big blessing is that we are allowed to meet on Sunday mornings in the church building, but not for the mid-week service which is an online-only service. The reason for this is that we have been under curfew for several months. Not being able to meet during the week is tough, but we are thankful that God has helped us with the online part of things. I pre-record the service and we watch it together at the same time on Tuesday evening. We are even able to chat and send prayer requests. This is a huge plus because this allows us to have a little bit of interaction. We have people from our church, but also several families that join us from other parts of France and Europe.



We asked you to **please pray** for the spiritual growth of: **1) Gladis** (saved in 2020); **2) Mélodie** (saved in 2019) and **3) Sylvain** (saved several years ago) and we wanted to let you know that Gladis and Sylvain have been faithfully attending church. Mélodie has completed another discipleship class where she watches a teaching video, does some Bible reading and then has a good bit of personal homework to do. Each class takes a few weeks to complete. Also **thanks for praying** for Mélodie to find a good church in Luxembourg where she lives.

We would like to ask you **please to pray** for the salvation of Heidi (a young girl that attends faithfully). **Please pray** for Heidi's sister, Marie, to have a hunger and thirst for God's Word. Since the beginning of this year we have noticed that 3 children in our church have discovered the joy of God's Word. All three of them have requested Bible-reading plans and are faithfully working through them.

We have restructured our Sunday morning church service to help us accomplish the task of making disciples. Each week we have an application to complete during the week. The goal is simple: to practice what is preached. Children, teens and adults alike are all challenged to work through a this application each week and to talk about it the next Sunday. This is not a new approach entirely because this is the goal of Sunday school, but now we have the whole church working together on the same topic towards the same goal. Even the smaller children who can't read are encouraged to illustrate something they heard in church from the Bible. Thank you VERY MUCH for your prayers.



*Merci,*

*James & Virginie Carney*