

# The French Press

## With the James Carney Family

Dear **Praying** Friends,

Thanks for **praying** for us, your **prayers** and support have enabled us to get here and stay here. September was the beginning of a new school year in France. On May 17 Alain made a profession of faith. We have not seen much of him since then. He comes to our men's meeting once a month, but he has only come to a church service 2 or 3 times. Would you **pray** that he would learn to walk with God and grant me some time to disciple him. We both have 24 hours in our day, but his commitment to Christ is lacking.

October was an important month for us as a church: we started a building fund. This is money we are giving to God by faith beyond our faith promise, tithe and offerings. As you know our roof is in need of repair and our building needs to be brought up to code. As far as we know, the roofer is not going to repair the roof. Our insurance is not helping us do the necessary paperwork because our policy does not cover this problem. If we want to advance with the situation, we would have to get a lawyer. We do not have the money or the desire to fight for something we are not sure can be won. So, we move on. Our goal is twofold : 1. Replace the roof and 2. Bring the building up to code.

#1. Before the roof can be done, we need to build 12 cement pillars to support the roof. The reason these cement pillars are necessary is because half of the building is five car garages that were redone into our church auditorium. As such, the foundation is too weak to support a proper roof. This is why our current roof is made of sheet metal. Estimates for the first step of building the pillars and redoing the roof are around \$50,000 USD.

#2. Once this work is done, we would then be able to proceed with bringing the building up to code. This would include proper insulation, fireproof ceilings, updated electric, a handicap bathroom, etc. Estimates for this second step are around \$25,000 to \$30,000 USD.

Would you **pray** that God would guide us in the planning and doing of His will concerning our building? Would you **pray** for our church to be faithful to give. We are incredibly blessed as a church in Europe to have our own building with a parking lot. However, as such, we need to fix the roof and bring the building up to code. We are working towards this goal and we know that it is going to take some time. Thanks for **praying**. We have been raising money and saving money where we can. We currently have over \$16,000 USD saved and we are adding to this each month. The church people are giving faithfully and sacrificially. The number one **prayer** request we have is that God would grow the church so we can rise up and complete this project.

Previously I asked you to pray for two ladies in need of Christ named Micheline and Virginie. Virginie has made it clear that she is not interested in God. Micheline came to a special church activity we recently hosted. Please **pray** that she would see her need for a personal relationship with God.

*Merci,*



*James & Virginie Carney*

