



Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings and Happy New Year! We pray this new year will bring you many wonderful things, especially a deeper walk with God. As we closed out the year in the church we saw just how much God had done for us in 2019. Many things have happened this year that have helped us grow as a church. We are slowly but surely making progress. Thank you for praying for us and for following the news of the work here in Hierges, France.

Alain, the man we asked you to pray for in our last prayer letter, has not been coming to church and when he comes to a men's meeting, he gets upset with me over the Bible lesson. Needless to say, this is not a good sign for someone who made a profession of faith. Pray that God would get through to him.

We started some construction work December 2018 to be able to replace all the church windows and doors. It was during this long overdue project that we discovered we had a problem with the roof. If we had not started this project we would not have known about the roof issue, but in order to do the work we had to

empty out the auditorium. There is a small entry at the other side of the building where we were able to put out some chairs. With a nursery and kid's class right next to this entry, it was a bit noisy and cramped. We spent about a year in the entry and we were very glad to be able to recover some of our auditorium. Our first Sunday in the auditorium was December 22 which was our Christmas celebration service. Since we cannot fix the roof right now and that it will be some time before we have the funds to replace it, we decided to build a wall in the auditorium to block off the part under construction and thus give us a proper space to have our church services.

The first Tuesday of each month is dedicated to the men and the last Tuesday is dedicated to the ladies. The goal this year is to help the men learn how to study interpret the Bible. Every third month we plan to host an evangelistic outreach. The month of March will be the first outreach. Please pray that the men we are praying for and inviting will come and give their lives to Christ. Also please pray for the ladies as they learn about Biblical happiness and contentment.

We had the special privilege this Christmas of leading Mélodie to Christ after the Christmas service. She is a young lady who lives 2 hours away in Luxembourg. She found us on Youtube and started watching our messages. She then contacted us via our website. We spent a couple months corresponding with her and she decided to come with her boyfriend, Joey, to our Christmas service. They told us they were coming so we planned to eat a meal with them after the service and then to explain the gospel to them after the meal. She made a profession of faith. Please pray for her spiritual growth and commitment. Pray as we look for a church for her to attend and as we try to help her grow spiritually.

Merci,

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