

Romans 10:13

13 Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 and how shall they preach, except they be sent? even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!

It is the end of the summer, and for the church in France, the calendar follows the school year. We would like you to thank the Lord with us for some successful activities that we were able to organize this summer: various events where we had people into our home, some music events combining Christian and secular music where our children played a key role, a week of activities centered around a baptism service for a group we are ministering to in the North of France, some intense but fun times with friends who came to visit from the States, and at the end of August, some R and R as a family.

This has been the hottest and driest summer France has had for a century. Here in Nice, we haven't had any rain since May. And France has been dry spiritually for much longer than that. Our prayer is "Lord, let it rain!"

From this perspective, we look towards a "new year" with the resolve to make a difference here as we participate in the plowing, sowing and watering that prepare the Lord's harvest.

The most marking event is on a personal level. At this moment, Sandy is helping Thomas get established at Trinity Western University, a Christian College in BC Canada. He is a freshman, and will be taking as many drama classes as possible. We are praying that he will be able to come home for Christmas. Already the house is very empty without him. On the other hand, after a semester at the same university, Justin has returned to us with the conviction that God is calling him to France. His desire is to reach young people through music and the arts. His time in North America opened his eyes to how rich the church is there and how desperate people are here, with no one to tell them the Good News.

We are excited about the ministry possibilities before us. A team of young people from the Vineyard in Oxford England will be visiting us at the end of the month to help in our outreach to students. They will participate in prayer walks, friendship evangelism on campus, music events, etc. Other goals for the weeks and months to come include:

- Starting INSTE, a serious discipleship/extension Bible school course.
- Starting a women's evangelistic Bible study.
- Various concerts, discovery evenings and discipleship groups aimed at young people.
- Helping the group in the North of France develop into a viable, functioning church plant that is effectively reaching out to others.

We want to sincerely thank you for your interest and participation in our ministry. We have included a few pictures of this summers events in order to help you visualize what it all looks like.

Blessings to you!
Alan, Sandy and children

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