

Dear friends at Exeter Bible Fellowship,

Greetings from Nantes! Very many thanks for your kind gift of \$ 500.00 received this month from MSC. We are constantly humbled to see the faithful provision of our great God. We wish to thank you for your share in this. Indeed there is no shadow caused by turning in Him (James 1:17). We can fully lean on Him at all times. We trust that you also experience His great trustworthiness in your daily experience.

A few weekends ago we set off early on Sunday morning to go north, up to the Normandy region of France. A special meeting was being held for the assemblies of that part and Gerry was asked to speak. The churches in Normandy are mostly small and isolated. Some German missionaries have done a good work there over the past years. It was encouraging for them, and for us, to be together in a different context, with a larger number. There would be potential for visiting these small assemblies from time to time, if the Lord opens up the way.

Last Sunday we had four baptisms at the Beaujoire church here in Nantes. Baptisms are always joyful occasions and this was no exception. Three of the four have been coming along for a relatively short time and the fourth was a young girl who has grown up among us. We were all disappointed that her dad had covid and wasn't able to be at the baptism of his only child. Several visitors were with us on Sunday, including a couple from Afghanistan who fled their country when the Talibans took over. Their professional situation meant their lives were in danger. Through the French classes proposed in our church for refugees they have met several of the believers and are seriously searching for the truth. I had the privilege of translating the baptismal service for them (from French to English, I don't speak Persian:). We commend them to your prayers. Gerry has looked out some good books by friends like John Lennox, to help them in their search.

Many of the children and young people from the assembly will be going to camp over the next weeks. The camp season starts this weekend and our friend Timothée will be directing the first camp at Saint Lunaire. We know that camps are often places where decisions are made with God that can change the direction of a young person's life. Pray that this will be the case for many this summer!

Next week we are looking forward to a journey up to Scotland. Laura, our daughter, has decided to come back to live in Nantes and we are going to help her move. However we are also fitting in a touristic circuit in some scenic parts of Scotland. That will be new territory for us! It's been very hot here in France, so the cooler climate will suit us well too!

Thank you once more for your gift and we pray a rich blessing on you over the summer period.

In Him,

Gerry and Dorothy