

# THE KNICKERBOCKERS NEWS FROM FRANCE

Dear Friends in Christ,

*"He came unto his own and his own received Him not but as many..."*. I praise the Lord for the "as many". God is not limited by numbers. Whether it be many or few, all who come will get in.

## News from Church

### The snowball effect!

Several months ago I told you about meeting a man reading his Bible in the train. Since the first of the year we have been studying the Bible every Monday evening with he (Jean-Michel) and his wife (Pakita). They are more and more faithful to the Sunday services. Pakita works with Madéline who is coming with her husband (Christian), to our new-comers Bible study on Wednesday night. Madeleine is a practicing Catholic and visits the hospital with the Roman chaplaincy. She met a patient who said he was Evangelical, and she told him that she would put him in contact with a pastor. She came to the house in the afternoon and gave me the name of the man and said, "You must go right away and visit him". I went and found a Presbyterian man who is a believer. The next day I met his daughter and they all came out to church on Sunday. Ten people came, in all, with a brother visiting from another area. That put a boost in the church attendance. If we could get everybody there at the same time we would have over 50. For the last four weeks we have averaged 38 in the morning service. The man who is in the hospital is from Africa but his daughter Sylvie lives here in Etampes. Pray for her husband, Charles, to be saved and that she will see her need of scriptural baptism. Praise the Lord for snowballs!

### Couples banquet!

Our banquet went very well with 11 couples present. It was a good time and the guest speaker did a good job.

### Bible Studies!

**Monday** I am with a new couple that is making good progress with the Lord and in church attendance. **Tuesday** evening is the church's mid-week service. **Wednesday** evening is the newcomers Bible study. **Thursday**, once a month, is a Bible study with a missionary couple and a young couple of the church that will be headed off to Bible School in the fall. Every other Thursday is the ladies choir, that leaves Friday and Saturday evening with the family which is much appreciated. The teens meet every other **Saturday** and at the moment Isabelle is giving them a study in Archeology and the Bible.

### Furlough !

**We are planning a short furlough during the summer of 2003. I will come home mid-June and stay though mid-September 2003, the family joining me for July and August. If you want to have us in your church, pastor, please give me some dates to work with. E-mail is a good way to do this.**

### Distribution Saturdays!

From our distribution we have had 4 contacts, two of which have been to church and one who is very faithful to our Wednesday Bible study. Sunday a man named Mr. Lalau showed up for church and it was good to see that our efforts have had an effect on the community.

### On the web!

Our new Web site is [www.multimania.com/eebe/](http://www.multimania.com/eebe/)

## News from the Family

By the time you get this Jeremy will be home after two weeks away with his school class. The camp the boys went to this winter was a blessing spiritually because there were some young men there who had some stirring testimonies to give. Thanks you for your prayers and faithful support,

Pete, Isabelle, Stephen, Samuel, Jeremy and Marc Knickerbocker

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