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THE KNICKERBOCKERS NEWS FROM FRANCE

Dear friends in Christ,

"I have loved you!"

The Lord's Burden placed upon the heart of Malachi was a heavy burden, the Bible doesn't tell us how long he carried that burden but if we consider our example it could have been for a long time. One thing is sure it came out through the lips of Malachi and what a burden. The remnant was loved but had no love to return, seen in the honor they lacked, the sacrifices they offered, the tithes that they held etc.

For the past several weeks I have been trying to make contact with a man whom I have seen and talked to over the past few weeks. He (Roger) is an atheist, ex-communist bartender for the last 17 years. When I told him I was a pastor he was very verbal in his treatment of religion and referred to people like me who live on the back of people they beg money from. (let patience have her perfect work) Two schools of thought came to mind:

- 1) How sad that people who are blind and enslaved giving drinks to staggering drunks see me as someone who is enslaving others to do my bidding.
- 2) How grateful I am to have given my life to the Lord voluntarily and am able to tell old sinners that God through Christ has provided real freedom from sin. Isabelle and I reflected with tears on how grateful we are to have people like you giving voluntarily that God's Word may be taught in France. I found out also in the same conversation that he knew about people meeting in the basement of a house to study the Bible. Continue to pray for Davy with whom I have lost contact and Roger.

Church Building

The Church has voted to buy a building just on the out skirts of town. It will be like a rent to own, and we will rent until the owners past away. The man is very faithful in his attendance to the service and his wife who claims to be atheist came up with the idea. We will be paying \$775. Down and \$305. Per month. We have about half of what we need to renovate the building and are seeking an architect. Pray with us for wisdom in dealing with all the details. If this summer you would like to have more details about the project let me know ASAP and we can set up an appointment.

Youth

Please pray for your young people several have the desire to be baptized and follow the Lord all the way!! Two especially are in my thoughts and prayers: Brenda and Florent.

Accusation

One of the ladies who quit coming to church told her co-worker that we talk too much about the Lord. She said when you experience what we have experienced you will understand why we talk so much about the Lord.

New Bible Study

Last year you will remember that we had a couple come to the new comers Bible Study, well they have requested a Personalized Bible Study, and so for the last three weeks I have been studying with them. Pray for Christian, Madeleine and Claire. Claire is 16 and would like to come to the States this summer, if you would like to have a ministry in France without leaving the good old USA let me know and I will give you more information.

Serving the ONE in whom we have put our trust "IN GOD WE TRUST",

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

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