

THE KNICKERBOCKERS NEWS FROM FRANCE

Dear friends in Christ,

Go into all the World and make disciples! "Evangelize we must"! But Discipleship is real missions! Isn't it good when you see first hand God making disciples? We had the privilege to testify to this glorious work.

A Tithing blessing!

All the Missionaries in France that I know say that one of the hardest things to help people see is their need to tithe. One couple that we have been working with since their baptism knew that they should tithe but had not realized that when you obey God it is by faith. They thought that the way you tithe is when you have 10% left over at the end of the month. They became frustrated with all the financial problems and all the added expenses that came up. Through Isabelle's and my testimonies along with the deacon of the church, the Lord put in their heart to write that first check. The amazing part about that was, was that Sunday that I was going to preach on tithe in my Malachi series, the Lord gave them the conviction to give that week, in spite of a car problem that was going to cost them big money. Two blessings that they shared with the church: 1. The problem with the car was not a problem after all. 2. The peace that God gives when we put him first. The Husband told me, I have always been distressed about financial affairs until I gave my tithe this month, I have had nothing but peace!!!

Home going!

One of our shut-ins, who had a stroke 10 years ago, had been asking for the Lord to take her. I visited her and her husband for the last three years almost every Friday afternoon. They have been extremely faithful to the Lord and His church since they moved here to help the founding missionary start the work. Two weeks ago on Sunday morning (Mother's Day) she had another stroke and was taken to the hospital. I went to see her that evening and was the last to talk to her. I read to her Psalm 61 "I will abide in your tabernacle for ever". Sang to her, "It is well with my soul". The next morning after a good night's rest she slipped out of this world to meet her Maker the one she longed to see. I held a graveside funeral and Preached Home to over 40 lost people. What Hope we have in the resurrection! I've got more to go to heaven for than I had yesterday!

A New family

Two weeks ago the phone rang and a lady said that they were looking for an Evangelical Baptist Church. I have already been in their home twice and they have been to church and seem to really want to fit in. In September, I will start up a home Bible study with them.

Building

The building project is advancing slowly because the mayor had to cancel my meeting with him. My next meeting is the 13 of June just 24 hours before I fly out of Paris for NY. The project will be put on hold until I return more than likely.

Furlough is upon us! By the time you receive this letter I will be in the states for a whirlwind furlough. I regret to not be able to see many of you but would be delight to have contact with most of you. We will be in 28 churches and 10 States. Please pray for safe travels and that we will be a blessing wherever we go. A big THANKS to Missionary Assistance Group for providing a mini-van.

Answer to your prayers

The Lord provided a Christian family to receive Claire and she is doing very well spiritually. She is participating very well in the weekly Bible study with her parents, and comes very often to the mid-week service. The Lord has filled up our summer schedule almost exclusively via Internet.

Serving a faithful God in France since 1989,
Pete, Isabelle, Stephen, Samuel, Jeremy and Marc Knickerbocker

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