

# THE KNICKERBOCKERS

Serving in France since 1989



Dear friend in Christ,

### Love in theory!

"He (Jesus) loved them (disciples) unto the end" John 13:1. Jesus always loved his disciples, he will always love his disciples but what follows proves how he loved them. Unto the end, means he showed them to what great lengths he loved them. His love surpassed anything that human love could do. And that is how we are to live and be happy (v.17.)

### Love's example!

Our neighbors who have been coming faithfully to church have a neighbor who let it be known he did not love them. The other day the daughter overheard him say to another neighbor, "I hate those people". My neighbor told me that when he heard his daughter tell the story, that love welled up inside his heart for the neighbor that despises him. He said, "It was a wonderful experience, If ever he speaks to me concerning his hatred I am going to tell him, You might hate me but you better get away from me because I am about to kiss\* you. Yes, it is exciting for me to see how the life transforming power of God's love at work. No one can love that way without God's help.

\* Kissing is a cultural thing here instead of shaking hands; people often give a kiss on both cheeks.

### Love of God's Word

Since the couples banquet, our neighbors have been coming more and more faithfully to church. This is in spite of the fact that they know that the mother in law is totally opposed to us. She has vocalized several times that she thinks they should not

be going to our church and spending so much time with us. This is like adding fuel to the fire. We have started a weekly Bible study in their home and their teen-age daughter participates as well. Continue to pray for the salvation of each one.

### Record attendance of 55

It is something how we only talk about the good things but this one cannot be passed up. For the last 5 weeks we have had an average attendance 50. We praise the Lord for the new comers and for the visitors we have had. Isabelle's mother came for Mother's Day.

### Love in action for the sick and hospitalized!

This month we have had three attendees to be operated on and so that kept us making visits and sharing the good news. One family was very touched when Isabelle brought them a meal the evening of the wife's return. What really thrilled me was to see one of our newer members call and see how another member was doing in the hospital. This is an example of love in action.

### Faith in the Building Project!

We are weary about the waiting for the building permit. Continue to pray that the devil will be defeated. Summer is a time when nothing moves as far as administration workers are concerned.

### Family

The boys are glad that school is out and can't wait till basketball season starts back up in September. Samuel ended up in the finals and lost by a short margin. Stephen was commended by almost all of his teachers for his good attitude and participation during the school year. We will all be going to camp this summer in August so begin praying now for the direction of the Lord in the activities and messages that I will give in the morning sessions. It was good to have my older brother Andy in our home for a short time. He was with us for Mother's Day and brought the message to the church. This was his first trip to France and was glad to finally make it over here.

In His care,

*Pete and Isabelle Knickerbocker and sons*

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