

THE KNICKERBOCKERS

Serving in France since 1989



Dear friend in Christ,

"We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8

A member called home!

Mixed emotions come into our thoughts and mind when we think of the departure of a loved one. This last month our oldest member and treasurer of our church was taken in his sleep to be with his Lord and his wife, who preceded him 20 months ago. Roger was one of the most faithful members and a great treasurer. How we rejoice that there was not a long drawn out sickness. It was often in his prayers that he mentioned his family's spiritual welfare. It was my privilege to find out that one his daughters is an avid reader of the Bible and that a grandson is a firm believer in God and the Bible. How my heart was thrilled to know that God hears and answers prayer. Pray for me as I do follow up and try to locate a church in their area that they can attend.

Our ways are not His ways and our thoughts are not His thoughts!

We have invested a good amount of time and energy and finances into a building project. For some reason the Lord has allowed it not to go in the way that we thought it should. We are waiting on the architect to draw up the new plans and then we will present another

permit to the city officials. I have been trying to get another appointment with the Mayor, but I think that we are the objects of religious persecution.

A new open door!

Just recently we had a couple show up at church. Come to find out, 15 years ago a Christian couple gave them a Bible. The French Christian couple moved away but kept in contact with them. Through a series of events we were put in contact with them and are now holding a Bible study in their home on Friday evenings. Is it not a joy to see how the Word of God has become so important to people who despised the gift of a friend 15 years ago? God's ways are much higher than our ways!

Furlough!

The Lord seems to be leading us to take a year furlough. The Church here is in a stable position and our co-worker is ready to invite a French national to come and work with him in our absence. During our Furlough year I will keep in touch with the progress of the building permit and organize work teams from the States when it is granted. We will more than likely be in the states from the summer 2005 to the summer of 2006. We would appreciate your prayers in the Lord's choice where we need to set up housekeeping for the school year.

If you know that you want us to report back to you, please propose dates and we will set up our itinerary. I will be no doubt be traveling by myself while the boys are in school.

Your Missionaries to France,

Pete and Isabelle Knickerbocker and sons

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