

# THE KNICKERBOCKERS

Serving in France since 1989



Dear Friend,

The prophet Samuel at the end of his life and successful ministry gave the people of Israel instruction, followed by a powerfully statement, when he said in 1Sa 12:23: "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you." This is what we are trying to do by the grace of God. God requires us to pray for those whom we have served and ministered to.

## **Our installation:**

After arriving in the US on the 11th of June we can finally call a house our home. The summer months took us from Arizona to Quebec. The Lord blessed in over 20,000 miles with safety all the way, even with two teenage drivers. That is right! Stephen and Samuel got their permits and are driving us to and fro! These are what we call growing pains for the parents. Doesn't the Bible say that tribulation worketh patience? Well the Lord must want to give me a good dose.

After traveling around and visiting friends and family we settled down in Powell Tennessee. This is where my older brother, who is an evangelist, calls home. The Lord provided for us to be able to put all four boys in Temple Baptist Academy. They are thrilled to be able to have dedicated Christian teachers. They were asked by their fellow students about the differences between Temple and the School in France. Samuel said, "Dad, I didn't know where to begin." The three oldest boys are on the soccer team, in the band, and choir. The two oldest are in the church orchestra and enjoy playing when we are not out on week ends. Furlough

is a time when we are able to give our children a refreshing break from the ungodly culture that has surrounded them for the last 17 years. Isabelle is teaching French at Crown College and we are praying for her ministry there to influence young people for foreign missions in the French speaking world.

## **The Lord's work:**

We continue to pray for those to whom we have ministered over the last term. The news is not good. To begin with, the permit for the church building was refused by the city, the purchase of the property was abandoned by the church, the city hall where the church has been meeting for the last 15 years has been revoked, and several of the believers are discouraged. We are praying for wisdom and direction as they continue on by the grace of God. All things do work together for good to them that love God. What is God's purpose in all, this we ask? We will understand it better by and by.

## **Our furlough:**

I am now available to travel by myself, or with my family on week ends if it is not too far from Tennessee. This summer while in Quebec we had the privilege to minister in three different churches. It was a real blessing and we thrill in being used of the Lord in another French speaking country. In order to France, we will need approximately between \$1200 and \$1500 more support. Pray the God's will will be done in this. Pray also that the Lord will direct us to the future place of service. The needs are astounding!

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