

Niles Newsletter – August 2021

Dear family and friends,

Here in France we are in the middle of a challenging and unusual summer. The changeable weather, ups and downs with COVID-19 restrictions and many around us facing health problems. How reassuring to know our Father is there for us!



Church retreat

Since Easter we have been meeting in person for our church services. End of June we finally were able to hold our church retreat with the theme, “*Jesus is our Source*”. What a joy to see how our young people planned it all. We ended with 2 baptisms.

God allowed us to have our vaccinations to travel to Senegal for 2 weeks to see Shane, Eden and our grandchildren. The oldest, Tymon (17) has recently left for South Africa. He is doing a 10 month training of Bible and surfing and adjusting well. It’s a blessing to see their ministry at the Beersheba farm in Senegal.



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At Shane and Eden’s



At Marc and Stacy’s

In July we visited Marc and Stacy in the Basque region. Stacy has been diagnosed with Lupus and is currently on a treatment which we hope will help her. They have many contacts with their neighbors and continue to support and help the translation team for the Bara language in Madagascar.

We are hoping to see Eric after he finishes summer camps. We miss Alain, Katherine and their children. Alain will start his hospital rotations in upstate New York for this next year to finish his training before returning to Togo.

A new young couple with their newborn will join us at the Rivage the end of the summer. We have several more baptisms planned for this fall.

We continue to visit our elderly neighbors. The end of the month we will be in Lyon for the wedding of a young lady. Steve officiated at her parents wedding 35 years ago!

We need your prayers:

- * *We are still looking for a building to rent or to buy for the church*
- * *For the Panchout family as they move here next month*
- * *For Emmeline (18) in her battle with bone cancer*
- * *That our church can keep meeting in person and for those wanting to be baptized*
- * *That we can encourage each other and faithfully share our faith with friends and neighbors*

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