

*"The LORD [is] my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him."*

Psalm 28:7

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Dear Praying Friends, Family, and supporters,

The last few months went by filled with multiple activities, responsibilities:

- Moving into my new home (mostly in March), administrative work linked with that, getting some new furniture to fit the apartment, cleaning and letting go of the temporary 1 room apartment I had rented while waiting for the new one. I still have boxes to open and sort out
- Weekly ministry at the Sainte Anne Military Hospital
- Keeping in contact with different Military contacts (saved and unsaved)
- Helping and preparing for different annual business meetings (for our church & Matthania, (camp ministry))
- All that was involved in our yearly "Femmes en Provence" ladies' retreat: final corrections, printing & sending off (by email and snail mail) of our invitations. Also besides the spiritual aspect, my main responsibility was all the technical aspect (sound system, recording of the messages, copying them...) and a lot linked with the music
- Administrative work (mainly) to help Pastor Luciano (Pastor of the larger church in Toulon and also on the board of deacons of our church)
- Weekly team meetings (church)

- Choir — preparing for different events
- Monthly ministry through song and Bible stories/lessons in the retirement home "La Louisiane"
- The monthly "Faith & Discoveries" church group with all that is involved for the members of the leading committee (myself and 3 others)
- Attending all regular & special church activities
- Taking care of my responsibilities in our small church as deaconess (servant), church secretary & treasurer [for the latter since March, the former treasurer having resigned because of added responsibilities as deacon ("elder" in France), also becoming treasurer of a French Mission board for French missionaries and a new job]
- Some time with my family in France
- Preparing for a Matthania Family Camp in July (15-22nd)

In June, our small church welcomed a "student pastor" for a one month internship, with the option, if the Lord so led, of continuing this internship in September for 6 months (as a first step) under the supervision of Pastor Luciano, and maybe later becoming our Pastor. This first month has gone very well. Gaëtan GILLOT set

himself right away to the task. He is a very willing and dedicated servant of the Lord. He has been engaged for one year now to Lise who is 100% with him in this endeavor. The Lord has supplied the funds for him through different means. Pray for Gaëtan during this internship. He and Lise plan on getting married next year.

As far as "La Mission Parmi les Militair" (French branch of MTM) is concerned, things have been, and are, progressing (slowly) towards the sale of our building. We have had an offer and I am waiting for some final papers the City is supposed to send us in order to get an ap- pointment for a "pre-sale agreement." This can be quite binding depending on the exclusion clauses that are attached. The "potential" buyers have offices right across from our facilities (where the hairdresser school used to be). Pray with us that we might sell quickly now that the summer months (when most offices are closed) have gone by.

Bob & Cyndy's 3 sons and families have been able to visit them. Continue to pray for Bob's health as well as for strength and wisdom for Cyndi as she has to take care of a lot of things. Pray also for their need of adequate housing in order to accommodate Bob's needs.

I mentioned earlier the "Family Camp" in July. The daily Bible studies for the children and adults were on the book of Jonah. There were quite a few lessons to learn and lots of questions asked. The whole time was a true blessing. Late, on the last evening of the camp (July 21st), I went to the 2nd building to put some things away. On the way back, the lights were no longer working. It was pitch dark and I was by myself. Even though I was very careful,



knowing there was no railing at the edge of the terrace (pictured here with some of the 10-14 years of age who were at the camp) and that the paved steps

were uneven, I fell almost 2 feet against some stones and the edge of some of the steps. I was badly scraped and bruised in different places, but the worse injury was with my left foot. I managed to get back to the main building where our Pastor's wife, Naomi, took care of my wounds and put ice on my ankle. The next morning, we went back to Toulon. A young lady drove my car. I went to the ER where they

only did X-Rays, nothing more. I had to "battle" with the system, with the help of my doctor (who in the process had me get crutches, a "walking boot," and finally had 2 ultrasounds done - 10 days apart), the 2nd result being worse than the 1st. Then, an appointment was set up for an MRI, and on August 24th, I finally saw the head orthopedic surgeon at the Sainte Anne Military Hospital. The final diagnosis is a rupture of the left Achilles tendon. The surgeon decided not to do surgery but ordered the immobilization of the foot in a resin cast for 1 month in a hyperextension position of the foot, anticoagulant shots for 45 days and bloodwork to check the platelets twice a week for 1 month, and then once a week. I will see him again September 28th and he'll decide then what the next step (smile!!!) will be. I was able to get a wheelchair on August 28th as well as a shower stool. These are a big help. One of the blessings is that all the apartments where I live have been built in a totally "handicap friendly" way. But I must say that I never expected to have to use them so quickly!!!! Right from the start, I said (and still do) that it could have been much worse, so praise the Lord for that!!

So, the way I can serve the Lord now is somewhat different (for the time being). Because of my handicap, I have had some contacts with several of my new neighbors. I had been praying for that!! Things are not simple, but our Lord is good and faithful... ALWAYS!!!! He knows all things and His will is ALWAYS perfect (Romans 8.28-29). May He be glorified in and through me and may my heart be open to what He wants to teach me and do in my life.

Be in prayer for the people who will have to do some of the things I cannot do at this time and that I might accomplish those I can, with His wisdom and patience. Be also in prayer for the churches & different ministries in our area as this new school year begins. May we all be found faithful! Once again, thank you so much for your support in prayers and finances as well as all you do for the ministry in France.

Continuing to serve Him and you in France.



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