

Dear Friends in the Lord,

We rejoice this Easter weekend in the fact that Christ was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification (Rom.4:25) - just-as-if we had never sinned at all. A commentary from John MacArthur says that "The resurrection provided proof that God had accepted the sacrifice of His Son and would be able to be just and yet justify the ungodly." We do rejoice in and praise God for this wonderful truth.

As you may have heard on the news we are back into lockdown here in France. Not a lot has changed really but we are restricted to staying within 10 kms. from the house but we can go out all day if we like. Non essential shops are closed and schools are closing until the beginning of May and the curfew still stands from 19h to 06h. As far as the church is concerned we are still free to meet with certain restrictions in place.

We decided as a leadership in the church to close the building for a couple of weeks. As we were faced with a mini-cluster of 15 people being contaminated we thought it was wiser to stop any activity taking place in the building. We are glad to say that those who caught the virus are making good progress towards recovery and are feeling much better. We do praise the Lord for His goodness and kindness as it could have been a lot worse.

We praise the Lord too for the fact that we were protected from catching the virus. Graham was due to be at the church on Saturday 13th and it just so happens that one of the group present had contracted the virus without knowing it and of course passed it on to all present. Because of a little accident, nothing serious, where Graham hurt his back he was unable to go to the church on the Saturday morning. Praise the Lord for His care and protection - the small accident being a blessing in disguise !

This incident of the mini-cluster upset the apple cart quite bit as events that had been programmed had to be cancelled - our Annual general Meeting due to take place on 21st March and a special praise gathering due to take place on the 28th. We now have the task of reprogramming these events.

Through the week activities continue through zoom, the Alpha course and the literacy classes, and God willing we will meet again in the building on Sunday for a special Easter service.

At the Voice of the Gospel ministries we have just sent out the latest edition of our magazine "La Voix" (The Voice) and we trust that as people across the French speaking world read the messages contained therein will be blessed this Easter time.

We join in thanking you again for your interest, practical fellowship and prayers and in sending our warm greetings in the Lord.

May the Lord bless and encourage you this Easter time,

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