

Dear Friends in the Lord,

We are later in sending out our prayer/news bulletin this month because I (Graham) have been in hospital. I showed signs of having a stroke, slurred speech, and was taken into hospital for tests. Fortunately, the tests and MRI scan showed that it wasn't a stroke as such but a lighter attack, a more transitory one, a TIA, which hasn't done any damage and hasn't left any aftereffects. I am now home again and being treated through medication. I will be followed up by the hospital here in Aix-en-Provence and there shouldn't be any more problems on that level.

Still speaking about health Alison has been receiving injections in her eye because of a macular degeneration problem. She has had two injections already and will have a third one in March before she sees the specialist again. He will then assess if there is improvement following these injections and determine how often she is to have future injections.

In spite of these problems, we do praise the Lord for the general good health we enjoy from day to day, and we praise Him too for the excellent health care that we are able to receive here in France.

Concerning activities this month, the Alpha course for couples has now finished. Three young couples followed this course, two from our own church and a couple from another church. Further courses might well be organised in the future. The "ordinary" Alpha course with three people continues. This course has taken a while to get through because of difficulty in finding dates to meet together.

Some activities were disrupted, and some cancelled, including Alison's literacy class for Arab women, at the beginning of this month because of a national farmers strike. We weren't too badly hit here in the Aix/Marseille area but there was quite considerable disruption in other parts of the country.

We join again in thanking you for your prayer fellowship with us and in sending our warm greetings in the Lord,

Graham et Alison.

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