

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It's hard to believe that we are now into the second last month of 2025 and time yet again for another monthly update.

We have the privilege here in Aix-en-Provence to have an Evangelical Theological Faculty. It's named after Jean CALVIN the well-known figure of the Reformation. This evening, they are starting a series of 4 conferences on different subjects, and the others will be held in January, March and April in 2026. The subject this evening is "How did Jesus succeed where Adam failed". Should be quite interesting and there will be a Q and A time following the conference and a time of fellowship around a finger buffet. There's usually always food involved when meetings are held in France ! Can't say we don't enjoy that aspect of things !

Speaking of eating together we will have our monthly fellowship meal together at the church on Sunday 9th. We try to have this every month, but it doesn't always work out that way. It's an important time for promoting fellowship in the church, especially for those who come from a non-Christian background but not only. Everybody brings what they want to bring to eat and then everything is put on common tables for people to help themselves to what they want to eat. Needless to say, there is always an abundance of food.

Tomorrow evening, we will have our leaders' meeting for the church activities. We usually have someone come along who is responsible for some kind of activity. Tomorrow evening, we will have the leaders of the Oasis group responsible for activities among those who come from a Muslim background or who have been converted from Islam. The Oasis association works very closely with our church cultural association, and we really do a lot of things together but sometimes under a different banner so we want to talk about how we can perhaps coordinate things a bit better.

On Saturday 8th Oasis is organising a day speaking about tribes in the bible and how this affects our own lives as to where we come from and how that might affect our outlook on things. This activity has nothing to do with our own particular cultural church activity side of things, which is quite unusual, but Oasis is hosting the day in our church with other associations participating.

On Wednesday 12th there is a get together with the evangelical churches of the town for an evening of fellowship, worship and prayer. Again, we'll be eating together, another finger buffet, and then we'll move on to the spiritual side of the evening. It's good when churches can come together like this and organise something where each church can participate fairly easily. This was a great blessing back in 2018, for example, when we organised "Bouge ta ville" together. (Shake up your town).

Still no news about the ongoing problem with the sale of the property at the Voice of the Gospel ministries.

We have both seen our specialists this week. On Monday for Alison for her eye problem. She is now being sent to a more experienced clinic for her macular degeneration and should now be followed up elsewhere. We're awaiting an appointment for this to happen. For myself on Tuesday for a check up of the wound on my scalp which is healing really well and to have a wart like thing removed from my left forearm. This went well and what was removed has been sent away for analysis.

Again, we thank you for your prayer fellowship with us and we join in sending our warm greetings in the Lord,

GRAHAM AND ALISON.