

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It is lovely to be back in touch with you again after a time of break during August. We are just back from a most enjoyable break in Scotland. It was a lovely time meeting up with friends and family and we also had the opportunity to share with others in the preaching of the Word and sharing something of what the Lord is doing in France today. We praise the Lord too for His protecting care over us during the seven and a half thousand kilometres travelled. Now we are back and getting back into harness again.

This coming Sunday 11th will be busy again with a baptismal service in the morning. A man around 50 years of age will be baptised. He has been a Christian for some time and has come amongst us for several months now but has never been baptised. He is a lovely brother and has been of great help to us on a practical level since coming along. As is usually the case there will probably be a lot of people present and perhaps a number from outside the church so we pray for a time of blessing. In the afternoon we will have another session of 'open hearts' which is geared towards couples. Up until now we have taken these sessions ourselves but this time we have a visiting speaker to deal with the subject of sexuality. We thought it was better to get someone from the outside to deal with this subject ! On the Saturday evening he will also be speaking to young people and those responsible for youth activities. We do pray for a time of blessing at both these meetings.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a special family service to start off the new year of activities. Sunday school and other activities will start up again, some having already started, and it will be a kind of 'launching' meeting for the year of activities ahead. In the afternoon we will have a fellowship meal together and a time of discussion about the various activities and those who will be responsible for them. "Thus far the Lord has helped us" 1 Samuel 7:12. We praise Him for all that is passed and we trust Him for all that's to come.

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> we are organising a 'Bring and Buy sale' This will be held in the grounds of the church. We have already held this kind of activity and it was quite successful. This is with a view to reaching out to the community around the church. We will also have a literature table displaying different tracts, an information brochure about the church and its activities as well as books and bibles. We pray that this will be a time of blessing for the church and for the people around it. Publicity tracts and posters have been made for this and will be distributed around the church soon.

Our home assembly in Maddiston, Central Scotland, is celebrating 100 years of existence this year. The celebrations will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of this month

and we have been invited to join the assembly in these celebrations. We will therefore be going back over to Scotland during the last week of September. We very much look forward to that and we pray that the church will be blessed as it celebrates its 100 years of existence.

As said at the beginning of this letter it is lovely to be in touch with you again and to share some news. We thank you again for your interest, practical fellowship and prayers and we join in sending our very warm greetings, warm being the appropriate word as temperatures are up around 30° or more, so it's back to the heat after some more pleasant temperatures in Scotland,

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