

Dear Friends in the Lord,

As we write "La Rentrée" is taking place today. It's the name for the school going back and the start of another school year, the start of another year of activities. Having said that the going back to school in the region here has been postponed until tomorrow because of bad stormy weather and the fear of lightning strikes and flooding.

"La Rentrée" means too the restarting of activities in the church. In the church here this will happen next week on Sunday 7th. There will be a special presentation service of all the children's and youth work in the church. The children and young people will be presented and prayed for along with the leaders of the various groups. We are very fortunate to have a good number of children and young people in the church.

Yesterday, 31st August we had another baptismal service when a man from a Muslim background was baptised. He is of N African, Kabyle origin and has been coming among us for some time now. It was lovely to hear of him tell how he turned to Christ and to Christian churches instead of to Islam to seek help in times of trouble. Please pray for O and that he will be kept and protected as he goes soon to Algeria to be with friends and family and that his witness to others will be a blessing. That makes two out of the six who have been preparing for baptism. Two down and four to go, hopefully !

Our house groups will be starting up again soon too. There are about 10 groups that meet together mostly on a fortnightly basis comprising of around 10 people in each group. This year we will be studying the book of Acts, going through it with the help of a study manual and to accompany this there will be a series of messages given on the book of Acts on Sunday mornings.

At the moment we have no more news of the ongoing court case concerning the sale of the property at the Voice of the Gospel ministries. Everything almost closes down here over the summer period so we will perhaps hear more soon from the lawyers as things take up again.

Alison sees here eye specialist again on the 15th of this month so we should be able to know where we are going with the eye injection program.

Graham saw the specialist on 26th August about the sore on his head and she proceeded to remove it. What has been removed has been sent away for analysis and he sees her again on the 10th for the results. He has the dressings changed every day for 15 days, quite a painful experience, but we praise the Lord for the medical care we receive here - a nurse coming in each day to change the dressings.

We trust that you have had a good summer and that you are feeling refreshed and ready to face another year of activities.

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

Graham et Alison.
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