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# TEAM MONTPELLIER

Reaching the nations with the hope of the Gospel

*pastoring the International Chapel of Montpellier, France*

## Fledging Explorations

As we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior this past weekend, we experienced a reminder that our ministry efforts here in Montpellier are not without a firm foundation and that both your financial and prayer support are serving a purpose in seeing God's Kingdom advanced around the world.

Saturday, the day before Easter, we received an email from a vacationing English family who were looking for an Easter service they could attend. This initial contact said they had 4 teenagers with them and that 2 of them never go to church. After the service, the father thanked John for the service and said the message gave them much to discuss amongst themselves. That evening the father wrote another message stating that one of the teenagers said that they had enjoyed the service and had even expressed a desire to join a youth Alpha program upon their return back to the UK. The father asked for us to "please pray that the evil one does not stamp out this fledgling exploration of faith."

It is not out of the ordinary for us to receive an email from someone inquiring about the International Chapel here in Montpellier. We receive emails on a fairly regular basis. Even so, one we received a few months ago was quite uncommon and unusual. The email began "I once went to a church service in Sweden at an international church for my friend's confirmation. I was pleasantly surprised by the welcoming and warm atmosphere of the church as well as the way they obviously valued every person there. I am not a christian but my faith in God was recently revived and here I am finding myself praying and looking up churches. I was wondering if I could attend one of the Sunday services even though I'm not a christian. I'm french but I grew up in Sweden in an expat community and adjusting to life in France is harder than I thought."

Please pray for this person who reached out to us and has been coming to the church and hearing the Word of God. Pray that she turns to the Lord in faith and belief and that we as a church community will reflect the Lord and point her and others to the Lord as we seek to provide a welcoming and loving community to all.

Thank you... thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us and supporting us financially! God's Kingdom is being advanced both in our revolving expat community as they move to different countries around the world carrying the gospel in the workplace, lab & the classroom, as well as advancing to our local French community where they are seeking for a God that will bring clarity to a world filled with chaos.

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A dedication for a young couple we are discipling.

A couple of pictures from these past two weekends of ministry



Vietnam, China, France, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria

### Prayer Requests:

- ▶ For our Sunday services. That those who are not Christians will sense and experience the love of God and the joyful unity of God's people even amongst the diversity.
- ▶ That people will come to faith in Christ and that believers will grow in their relationship with the Lord and be more like Jesus.
- ▶ For a possible baptism service in May. There is a new French believer that John is discipling and speaking with about baptism.
- ▶ For people to make a further commitment to church and that they would desire to serve our local body.
- ▶ For Robin's Ladies Bible Study, Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ For John's Men's Bible Study, Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ For our three children: JD, Tiara and Ariana. We appreciate you praying for them as they are seeking the Lord's guidance. JD specifically is making plans to relocate to the Pacific Northwest. Please pray for the Lord's provision of a pastoral ministry position and a place to live.
- ▶ For our financial monthly support. We have a need for additional financial partners who are able to help us with a portion of the 3500/month shortfall that will help us get up to full budget.



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