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# TEAM MONTPELLIER

Reaching the nations with the hope of the Gospel

*pastoring the International Chapel of Montpellier, France*

## Ministering to the Expat Millennial...while being a Baby Boomer !

(written by Robyn)



It seems that we have boxes for everything and everyone nowadays. Today, there are multiple definitions for demographic generational listings, such as Generation X, Y, Z, etc. And if you have been around John for any period of time, you will understand that he absolutely hates being put in a box. (don't tell him, but there actually is a box for those type of people!) ;) During these past years we have begun to see a substantial shift in our ministry context and it is causing us to step out of our comfortable boxes and tread in waters that we at times feel inadequate to swim in. For you see, because of the demographic influx of university students to Montpellier on a yearly basis, the International Chapel of Montpellier has seen a significant rise in our millennial & Generation Z population.

Montpellier is a very young city, with the average median age being 35. With a population of 268,000 people in the city center, a third of its residents are students. They come from all over the world to study in the south of France. With Montpellier having the world's oldest medical school still in operation, with its origins going all the way back to the 1100's, the medical technology and R&D are quite high, as well. Therefore, Montpellier draws students from all over the world so that they can complete their studies from undergraduate work all the way up to the post doctrinal level.

Because of this demographic shift, God is allowing us the opportunity to minister to the millennial generation like never before. It has been our honor to be able to come alongside these young expats and point them to Christ. The weird and unexplainable result to us has been the joy they have expressed to actually want to spend time with us & to listen to our counsel... (...just two gray haired baby boomers who wore converse sneakers & "mom jeans" before they were even cool!)

Pray with us and for us as we step out of our comfortable boxes to joyfully and with His power reach out and touch these young people with the Gospel of Christ. Many come with hard, deep-seated questions about God, about church, & about life. May John and I be able to gently instruct, give godly wisdom, and help cement these souls in the truth of the Gospel. They truly can change the world... but they sometimes just need older ones to help them focus on The Truth when the world around them is swirling with voices that try to lead them astray. May we be able to point them to God's truth in His Word & allow Him to speak & to draw them to Himself.

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## Upcoming Things For Prayer

- ➔ Pray for: JB and Eva, a newly married French young couple, who have volunteered to lead our 20's & 30's bible study. JD, our son, had begun this group while he was serving with us here in Montpellier and now JB & Eva are taking the lead. We praise the Lord for their desire and godly walk.
- ➔ Pray for: Our Men's and Ladies Bible studies, which John and I teach throughout the week. Here we are able to teach in a more relaxed and small group context - giving opportunity to not only build community, but again teach truth.
- ➔ Pray for: Taco Night! - We will be hosting and serving the 20's & 30's at our home on March 15th. We are opening the night up to the students, as well as, any of their friends looking for a fun night out. Pray that Christ will be seen as they come into our home.
- ➔ Pray for: Our son, JD and his future wife, Juliet, as they will be getting married in September. John will have the privilege of performing the ceremony.



Recent Game Night activity

### Uno is played in any language...

Countries represented at the table are Dominican Republic, Hungary, England, Indonesia, Columbia and France.

Competitive passion abounded !



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