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*pastoring the International Chapel of Montpellier, France*

## Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner Update & Prayer Requests

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We want to give you a short, but thankful, update on how our Thanksgiving Dinner went here in Montpellier, France. We had 85 sign up to come that evening, but ended up with 72 people attending. To be honest, this was a blessing in disguise as we now know that around 70-75 people seated at tables is our limit!

The evening was filled with laughter and fun and obviously wonderful food! What was unique about our table was the variety of food selections that people had brought to share - cornbread filled with jalapeno peppers; Chinese noodles; Lebanese rice; Homemade clam chowder soup and all the traditional fixings that you might have had on your own table. Robyn cooked 2 (22+ lbs) turkeys, as well as, a female bird weighing around 11lbs. As many of you know, because of the size of French ovens and the length of French turkey legs, it is always necessary to cut off the legs in order to fit the birds into the oven and then to cook them one at a time.

There were many unsaved in attendance and John was able to share a short devotional on Psalms 100 and how important it is to acknowledge to Whom all praise is do. We are thankful for yet another opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ and to serve those in our community through hospitality. We wanted to share once again our deep thankfulness to you, our faithful friends and partners in this work. God is moving and we are seeking to just be faithful. Thank you for standing with us in your faithfulness through prayer and financial support. Many of you gave special gifts to help make Thanksgiving possible here in Montpellier and for that, we thank you!! Many of you prayed for us that God's strength would uphold us in the midst of so many details. Again, the words "thank you" seem trite, but we really are so thankful!

Could we ask for your continued prayers and support concerning:

**1.** This Friday, December 6, Robyn and I have an appointment with the government offices to renew our visas. Since the last time we applied French law has changed and we are desiring to meet all those new requirements.

**2.** Also, Sunday December 15 we will be having our Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday evening. Many in the community come out to enjoy the "experience" of singing Christmas carols in English, hear a Christmas message & socialize around the Christmas cookie table. We see this event in quite a different way. Here is yet one more opportunity to present Christ and to make Him known through song, word ... and through hospitality. Our prayer is that He would be seen! Years ago, an unsaved woman came up to Robyn after the program and exclaimed how magical the night felt! Robyn's response was, "No, it's not magical. It's Christ you see!" Pray with us and for us.



One short update has become longer than anticipated, but we thank you for your partnership in our ministry. We mean this sincerely. May Christ be seen, praised and glorified here in Montpellier France and around the world!

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