

Dear Friends in the Lord,

First of all we wish you a Happy New Year and God's richest blessing throughout 2025 for you and yours.

Regarding the sale of the property at the Voice of the Gospel ministries the court case is ongoing. The hearing on the 9th of December seemed to go well but there was no settlement reached, (which we fully expected would be the case), and there will be a further hearing in February.

The Alpha couples' course will be held again tomorrow, Friday 10th. This will be the 3rd session in this series and there are 4 couples doing the course and it seems to be a blessing to them. One couple in particular remain more or less unknown to us. They arrive late and go away straight away once the session is finished so we don't know anything about them ! However, they seem to be happy and keep coming along.

Next week, from 13th to 19th, local churches in the area will be coming together to pray. We have two meetings here in Aix-en-Provence one on Monday 13th and the other on Thursday 16th. Thursday evening will be a special meeting with Open Doors with a representative speaking to us about the persecuted church and a special time of prayer around this subject.

These meetings have been held for many, many years and at one time were organised by the Evangelical Alliance. They are now organised by the CNEF : the National Counsel of French Evangelicals. Most Evangelicals in France these days would come under the CNEF umbrella. This is an excellent cover for us as evangelicals which gives us legal representation in the face of the government and helps to distinguish us from sects. Although much progress has been made there is still a barrier in witnessing in France today as anything outside the official Catholic Church and the official Protestant Church is very often considered as being a sect.

It goes without saying that we continue to covet your prayers for the work here in France. Terrific progress has been made over the past 50 years or so but as in many places much remains to be done.

On a more personal level we will celebrate 56 years of marriage on Saturday. We do praise the Lord for His goodness and kindness towards us.

Alison's eye problem has made slight progress, but she still sees double if she takes here glasses off. She is followed up well and has been prescribed another prism. This one should help with reading compared to the other one which was geared more to long distance vision.

We send our warm greetings, and may you know much of the Lord's blessing as you seek to continue in service for Him in your own sphere,

Graham et Alison.

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