

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Hello again from a much cooler south of France today. As you will probably have seen on the news we have been having a heat wave down here. It's normally very hot in the summer but with a heat wave it's VERY HOT indeed. We've had temperatures of almost 40 degrees C. Yesterday and today have been much cooler for which we are very grateful.

On top of that we have had some very bad fires around the north of Marseille. Yesterday the airport and the main railway station were closed and parts of the motorway too. Some of the fires were very near where we used to live when we were in the northern suburbs of the city. Yesterday Graham was at his dentist's which isn't far from the airport, and it took him quite a while to get back because of the heavy traffic jams due to the fires.

The court case about the selling of the property at the Voice of the Gospel ministries is still ongoing.

There was a hearing on 5th June, and we were hoping for a settlement, but the opposing lawyers found a discrepancy in the statutes of our association which gave them a lever to delay the settlement. It's only a delay tactic and everybody knows that but it's there just the same. The discrepancy has been rectified but it will probably be around the beginning of next year before another hearing. We will keep you informed.

All regular activities in the church have now stopped for the summer. We had a special worship service on 29th June when a lot of the children and young people took part. Some were moving from Sunday School to young teens and others from young teens to the youth group. It was very encouraging to see them all and we praise the Lord for a good number of children and young people.

I think we mentioned that 6 people have been preparing for baptism, some of them from a Muslim background. One of them, a young woman, has expressed her desire to go through with baptism and this will be done sometime this summer, no doubt in August. The others are still considering it.

On a more personal level Alison will see both her eye specialists on the 21st of this month. We are hoping that the specialist who is following her up for her macular degeneration problem will be very clear about future dates for eye injections and that we will be able to organise things around these dates. The other specialist relating to her double vision problem will perhaps give her a more permanent solution - i.e., glasses with built in prisms as opposed to prisms being added to her normal glasses.

We trust that you will be able to enjoy a break during the summer and that you will be truly refreshed and ready to start another school year later on.

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

Graham et Alison.
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