

Dear Friends in the Lord,

In our last prayer/news bulletin we mentioned that instead of having two baptisms on 24/01 we thought that it would be wiser to have them on different dates and that the other baptism would be scheduled for the 7/02.

This second baptism went ahead as planned and was a real time of blessing. As already mentioned, this was the baptism of a young girl of African descent who grew up among us and who is very active in the youth group. She gave a wonderful testimony of her conversion and what the Lord has done and is doing in her life. The clarity and honesty of her testimony was way beyond our expectations and such a pleasure to listen to. She told the audience that at one stage she had a real problem with theft, theft from individuals, even in the church, and theft from shops and so on. She went on to tell how the Lord had delivered her from this and how she was now seeking to live a life that was honouring to God and man. We were so touched by her honesty and we pray that the Lord will richly and abundantly bless her as she continues in her Christian life.

Other encouraging news is that the couple we mentioned in our last letter, who were directed towards us by a Roman Catholic priest, and following the Alpha course very faithfully, have openly confessed the Lord as their Saviour! Very encouraging news indeed! They live quite a distance away so we don't know if they'll be able to come along to the church and share their testimony with all the folks. That would be a real bonus! In the meantime we continue to pray for them and for their future marriage and that we might have the joy of baptising them in the future too.

We have already mentioned the fact that meetings have been held up in the Luberon hills area about an hour away from here with a view to starting something in that area with the folks from the church who live there. Regular home group meetings are held, with some folks who are showing an interest in the Gospel coming along, and meetings are held at some weekends too in a hall that is lent to us for this purpose. The next meeting will be held on Sunday 14th March. We would ask you to pray that there will be blessing on this outreach and a spiritual breakthrough among those who attend and also that the Lord would give clear guidance as to what the future should be. There are signs of blessing and encouragement but the situation is quite fragile and we don't want to go too fast in this project but look to the Lord as to when the right time would be to do something more.

God willing, we are planning a trip to Scotland during June, July and August, if we are allowed to travel, and we will be available for some meetings during that period. Please contact us if you would like us to come along and speak about the Lord's work in France.

Again we join in thanking you for your interest, practical fellowship and prayers and in

sending our warm greetings in the Lord,

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