

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The Alpha course that we had announced taking place on the 28th of October got off to a flying start with several people attending. We have to quite often wait of course to see if these people come back again and continue to keep coming during the course. We will be able to give you more details of those attending once things settle down to a rhythm. Please pray for a time of blessing during this course.

You may remember us speaking about English classes in order to reach out to the population around the church. These took place back in April and were quite encouraging. Another series is being planned with the first session starting this month. Other sessions are being planned for January and March 2023. The setting of the date for the session this month will depend on the availability of the helpers but it will be on a Sunday afternoon either on the 13th, 20th or 27th. We pray again for a time of blessing.

In the context of recent legislation aimed at tightening control of "religious" organisations in France, some government ministers have come out with announcements which are worrying for Evangelical believers. The minister of the Interior (the equivalent of the Home Secretary) said : "We can no longer envisage discussion with people who refuse to sign a statement stipulating that the laws of the Republic have precedence over the law of God." While there is a tightening of certain things, there is no doubt about that, there is still plenty of room for guaranteed freedom of speech. We do pray that new legislation will not cause believers to panic and to stop witnessing and we need to take full advantage of this to share our faith in a simple manner and without fear.

Please pray for France at the moment, as, along with many other countries, is going through a period of turmoil and unrest.

We join again in thanking you for your interest, practical fellowship and prayers and in sending our warm greetings in the Lord,

Graham et Alison.

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