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“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

Dear Praying Partners and Family,

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A funny thing happened last evening as we were at our home church in Rochelle, Illinois. Our youth pastor preached on this passage from the Sermon on the Mount and asked the congregation how many did not worry about finances. Several children and teens raised their hands, but many were surprised that Damaris and I raised our hands as well. I'm not saying this to brag about it, but to praise the Lord, because He is faithful. He provides for all our needs and even beyond, so much that we do not worry about finances. We thank Him for the examples from whom we learned this essential lesson of Christian life—our parents. True, we ate chicken every Sunday because it was the cheapest meat, and because the freezer was full of poultry. True, I had to wear clothes that belonged to my older brothers, which people had given them, and because they grew out of them, they were handed down to the youngest—me. True, there were times my parents didn't know what would happen because the support wasn't coming in, but it is also true that **every time** our Father in Heaven provided.

We are confident that God will continue to provide the necessary financial support so our family will be able to go back to France and serve Him there. Since our last prayer letter, our support has gone up from 46% to 54%. Finally the 50% milestone has been passed! Now there is only 46% to meet in order to reach 100%. As we have been sharing in our past letters, we would really love to be back in France by the end of this year. Please continue to pray for it to happen.

We were able to spend four weeks in France visiting family for Christmas and New Year's. As we waited to board our plane, we sat next to a young French lady who was in Chicago studying English. We were able to present the Gospel to her. She claimed to be an agnostic, so we emphasized the fact that God has done everything to establish a personal relationship with us. No decision was made, so please pray that the Lord will place another Christian in her life who will be able to reap. We had an excellent flight, which even though it left late from O'Hare, arrived 45 minutes early in Paris due to strong tail winds. We surprised the Dodelers by arriving at the Institute unannounced. They had no idea we were coming to France. During our time there, I was able to help at the Bible institute by building new computers for the office. It was an immense privilege to preach in the Eglise Biblique Baptiste du Comminges in St-Gaudens where my father-in-law ministers, as well as in the Première Eglise Biblique Baptiste in Thionville, a church my parents founded and that is now pastored by my brother-in-law. We also spent three days with the Abbett family, our coworkers presently laboring in the city of Amiens. We were encouraged by their kind words and faithful testimony amid the difficulty of the land in which they serve.

As we came back to the U.S., the Lord again gave us a great flight with barely any head winds, which translated into arriving in Chicago an hour early. For those of you who never fly, let me say that this is something extraordinary. As I was carrying Adam's car seat and a few other bags, walking to get to the customs, which was pretty far away, a little shuttle transporting disabled people stopped and offered us a ride. As he dropped us off at customs, I couldn't believe my eyes. Every time I had been through customs in Chicago there always had been tons of people in line. It was almost empty! It took us less than ten minutes to go through! God is good and takes care of His children!

This past month we visited churches in Illinois and presented our ministry in churches in Minnesota. In one of those churches we met a young French agnostic Jew who had been invited by the pastor to come to church because we were going to speak about France. The pastor and I had a very good conversation with him. He will be in the U.S. for another two months then will move back to France. I gave him my card with my e-mail address, hoping he will keep contact with us. Pray for Alban and for the Lord and Savior to place another Christian in his path to continue to plant the seeds and possibly rejoice.

We thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We pray for you as well that the Lord will continue to see His will accomplished in you. Continue to pray for the few young Americans interested in serving God in France that the Lord will give them a clear call.

In His service and in yours,

Jeremie, Damaris, and Adam Dodeler