



"I am the Light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

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**Prayer Requests**

Pray that we will soon gather the remaining **13%**!

Continue to pray for our coworkers: the Abbett family, Bernard and Bernice Dodeler, Tim and Elisabeth Knickerbocker.

Pray that churches we have visited in the past might reconsider our ministry and take us on!

Continue to pray for Pastor Denis David in Thionville, France.

Continue to pray for a stronger dollar, which will help missionaries around the world!

As of today, the exchange rate is **\$1.48** for €1.00

**Did you know?**



**Jules Verne** (1828-1905), one of France's most famous writers (*Around the world in 80 days*, *Journey to the centre of the earth*) is the second most translated author of all time, only behind Agatha Christie, with 4223 translations.

Jules Verne's novels have been noted for being startlingly accurate anticipations of modern times. *Paris in the 20th Century* is an often cited example of this as it arguably describes air conditioning, automobiles, the Internet, television, and other modern conveniences very similar to their real world counterparts.

Another example is *From the Earth to the Moon*, which is similar to the real Apollo Program, as three astronauts are launched from the Florida peninsula and recovered through a splash landing. In the book, the spacecraft is launched from "Tampa Town"; Tampa, Florida is approximately 130 miles from NASA's actual launching site at Cape Canaveral.

In other works, Verne imagined the inventions of helicopters, submarines, projectors, jukeboxes, and other later devices.

He also predicted the existence of underwater hydrothermal vents that were not discovered until years after he wrote about them.

Jules Verne lived in the city of Amiens where the Lord has called us to serve. He is buried there in the Madeleine Cemetery in Amiens. His tombstone is quite interesting.

**"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light"**

Colossians 1:12

Our family is always thankful for your faithful prayers and support so that His will would always be done in our lives. There are so many things we are grateful for such as faithful churches, pastors, brethren who clearly see the need and do not hesitate to sacrifice in order to spread the gospel message beyond every hill and valley of this wretched condemned world. We often feel like the psalmist about this world we live in, but we must be filled with the same compassion our Lord and Savior had as He laid his eyes upon the crowds around Him. What a joy to know that Christ has given His life for us to be partakers of the inheritance and has delivered us from the power of darkness! Let us bring Light to this darkened world!

We are thankful for God's provisions. We started the year with a support level of 46% after three years of deputation. Our human reasoning and math suggested that it would take another three years to complete it. The problem with human reasoning is that when it is not guided by the Word of God and by the Holy Spirit, it will bring in erroneous results. What a joy and blessing that God is in control and that He has continuously provided throughout 2009. Last month, I received joyful and sad news from France. Pastor Denis David, my brother-in-law's assistant, has been battling cancer for a while now. The latest prognosis from his doctors was pessimistic, not knowing how much time Pastor David would still be among us. Pastor David informed the church in Thionville to switch the amount of support he receives from them to us, and even added his personal support to it. We had joy for the new support, but knowing the circumstances brought tears to my eyes.

Years ago, I asked Pastor David to write a few paragraphs about the spiritual situation in France so we could post it on our website:

"First of all I would like to thank all of the missionaries who labor hard but with joy to bring the Gospel to France. I was myself brought to the Lord by a missionary supported by American churches. France has a great need to hear the plan of salvation. Even though many claim to be Christians, they only are by name and not by heart. I used to be one of them.

The word of God proclaims that "**faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God,**" it comes from the authority of a person worthy of trust: Jesus Christ. In France, faith comes from parents who have their children baptized for their salvation. For them baptism is what saves, it is what is taught in catholic churches during service. For funerals, the priest says that the deceased is saved by his baptism. That message does bring comfort to the family, but it is a lie. That type of faith is transmitted from father to son; it is natural for a child to trust their parents.

It took five years for the Word of God to destroy all of my false beliefs and for it to bring me to the cross of Christ. I then started to proclaim the Gospel to my family, my friends. Many came to know Christ as their Savior: my four children through the ministry of the pastor-missionary, my wife



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**Exchange Rates**



**November 2008**

\$ 1 = € 0.785  
\$5283 =

**November 2009**

\$ 1 = € 0.671  
\$5283 =

**You know you're an MK when...**

You can't answer the question, "Where are you from?"

You think that barrels make good end tables, and think that barrels make good night stands.

011 is a familiar area code. The vast majority of your clothes are hand-me-downs.

You speak two languages, but can't spell either.

You flew before you could walk.

The U.S. is a foreign country.

You have a passport, but no driver's license.

You watch National Geographic specials



A sculpture depicts the novelist breaking the tombstone and rising to life. The sculptor baptized it: "*To immortality and eternal youth*".

Sadly the vast majority of the 160,000 people of the metropolitan area of **Amiens** have yet to hear the Gospel message which will tell them how to be saved and to be assured of eternal life in Jesus-Christ!

converted, two of my sisters, 3 of my nieces and many have heard the Gospel message. Today I am consecrated to the pastoral ministry.

One of my sisters lives in Brest, a large city with a naval base on the Atlantic coast. She trusted Christ as her Savior while I was visiting her; she lives 625 miles from us. We tried to find her a church in that city, there weren't any except for a charismatic protestant church where people sang, prayed and shouted all at once, a real disorder. My sister did not feel comfortable at all so we ended up having our own service at her place. Since then she stays home alone (she's a widow) and reads her Bible. Sadly this is not an isolated case, France is a land that needs laborers, we pray for that. May our Lord direct you; our desire is to please and to obey Him."

**Pastor Denis DAVID"**

**W**hat more could we add to these words? **Pray for more laborers!** With the new support from France and new support from the United States we now stand at **87%** of our needed support! We are now making plans to leave in **April of 2010**.

**P**lease pray as we need to raise funds for our outfit and passage. This comprises money for plane tickets, the purchase of a vehicle, at least two months of advanced rent, a container to ship some personal items and also equipment for the ministry of the church, of the Bible institute and for camp. We request your prayers for this.

**H**ere are some items we are looking for that we would like to take to France: a CD duplicator for the many conferences held at the institute, some 30x72 tables with folding feet to replace the 35 year old tables in the classroom, outdoor games for the camp, baptismal robes, communion set, offering plates for the church ministry. Because we are moving back to France, this is our only opportunity to ship large items without paying taxes and to buy them cheaper than in France.

Thankful for Him who has called us, and for you who are sending us,

**Jeremie, Damaris, and Adam Dodeler**

and recognize someone.

**My favorite:**

You believe vehemently that football is played with a round, spotted ball.