

## News and prayer requests

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### *Prayer requests from the Morris family*

**September 16, 2024**

Dear Bill,

We wish to thank everyone for your prayers since our previous e-mail of **August 9th**. Our situation improved after we sent that email, but everything became complicated once again. We will share some of these complications and positive news in this email.

Valérie's health slowly improved in the following weeks, and she had a good appointment with a local dietician. The dietician put her on a new diet, which we are gradually implementing. But last week, she had another episode of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). Fortunately, the dietician was able to give her some helpful advice. After several difficult days, she's starting to feel better. Please pray that we can find the right diet for her and put an end to the recurring episodes of IBS.

At the same time, I also had some health problems. Then, several events led me to take time out for most of last week to pray and reflect on the future direction of our ministry. We'll share more about this in future emails.

**Tuesday 16th:** I'll have some important dental work done tomorrow morning. Due to my immunodeficiency and the risk of infection, I will also be on antibiotics for seven days. As I have to teach on the **25th**, please pray for a speedy recovery and no side effects from the antibiotics.

**Pastoral Care Alliance:** The PCA brings together SIM missionaries worldwide who exercise a caregiving ministry to their co-workers. At the next meeting on **Wednesday the 25th**, I'll teach on "Missionary Caregivers and Spiritual Warfare." We'll look at different types of spiritual attacks in cross-cultural contexts and how to care for those who have experienced such an attack. Please pray for good internet connections for all participants and that the Lord will show them how to apply this training to their ministry.

**Liberia:** I continue to work as my health and other work permit on the situation at the SIM station in Liberia. With the help of a SIM'er on site, several things that could be a part of the cause of the situation have been uncovered. Pray for the Lord's guidance as I look into this and research the station's history. Pray also for His leading as I begin discussions with the station's leaders on the best way to provide more teaching

and prayer support in the coming months.

**France:** Several new believers in the church in Romorantin (which I co-pastored around twenty years ago) were deeply involved in the occult for many years before coming to Christ. The current pastor has no experience in this area and doesn't know where to start. They would like us to go and give a conference on the occult and how to help believers with an occult background. Unfortunately, our current state of health does not allow us to accept their invitation. Please join us in prayer as we work on a "Plan B" that will provide the knowledge and training they need.

**YouTube channel:** In late August, I added a new video to our YouTube channel. This video first looks at several obstacles that can block God's answers to our prayers or even turn us away from praying and then reveals the biblical steps to remove them. You can watch it here: [Removing Obstacles to Prayer](#).

## Family

**Marie-Anne:** After much thought and prayer, she decided to start looking for new employment. She just applied for a job with the U.S. government's State Department. Please pray for the Lord's leading and opening the right door for her.

**Jonathan:** Nothing has changed for him since our last prayer email. Pray with us for the Lord to give him wisdom and strength to deal with this situation, his daily commute, and his decisions about his future.

**Timothy:** We praise the Lord for how his studies and work are going. He is also working on modifying his Master's thesis for future publication. Pray for the Lord's protection as he travels to Miami on Wednesday to attend an important conference and for his return flight on Sunday.

Blessings,

Richard, for us all

