
Patience and answered prayers!

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News from the Morris family

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Dear Bill,

Over time, we have learned that patience is essential when counseling believers struggling with oppression or other spiritual issues. Some of them stop meeting with us, only to resume months or even years later. The longest “break” was undoubtedly that of a believer who, two weeks ago, requested counseling—**12 years** after a very long discussion with Richard.

A better example is that of a French-Zambian Christian woman who met with Richard only once before stopping all contact. Last March, **two years** later, she called to say that her problems had worsened. At night, she was touched by an invisible “person” and sometimes felt “snakes” crawling across

her face. Richard met with her and taught her the biblical steps of confession, repentance, and proclaiming Christ's authority over the works of the enemy. She described the results this way: "As I went through the process of confessing and renouncing, I felt some things leave. I have learned that getting close to Jesus is the best spiritual warfare."

Patience isn't the only essential thing; so is prayer. Although "O." isn't a believer, we were asked to help her. Her cousin had mentioned her situation to one of our friends, who then contacted us. Her problems began after her aunt's death. The deceased aunt's "spirit" (actually a demon) began appearing in her kitchen. This led "O." to consult several Catholic exorcist priests, who had her buy many expensive products to chase away the spirit. The only result was that she lost money and became distrustful of all religious leaders—priests, pastors...

Through O's cousin, we reached out to her. We explained how the Lord Jesus could put an end to this situation, and that we were ready to help her free of charge. Unfortunately, we heard back through the cousin that she wasn't open to being helped at this time. Please join us in praying for "O" and her situation. The last we heard, the spirit is still appearing in the kitchen. We remain ready to help her if and when she contacts us, no matter how long it takes.

Please pray for "O." and ask the Lord to bless this part of our ministry.

**What a change eight months and prayer
make!**

Over the past eight months, patience and prayer have played essential roles in our improved health and the restarting of our ministry activities. Last November, Valérie's health visibly improved thanks to answered prayers and her health-care plan—medication, and an adapted diet and exercise program.

As for Richard, last March, the professor of internal medicine he sees in Marseille said that his compromised immune system had improved from “severe” to “fragile.” We still need to take some precautions and are strongly advised to avoid certain things. However, after so many years of treatment and restrictions, we are now able to travel for ministry in France and any country with a good medical system.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for our health!

So now that you're doing better, what's next?

In June and throughout the summer, Richard will complete a project for For Freedom, SIM International's anti-human trafficking ministry, and prepare the teaching weekends scheduled from September to early December. We are also talking with two other churches about organizing a teaching weekend. In addition to the usual program for these weekends, we now offer the option to hold several counseling sessions on Sunday afternoons for individuals in need.

Additionally, Valérie works to build relationships with residents in our town as the Lord leads. Since most of those she meets are unreceptive or indifferent to the Gospel, she seeks to encourage them and demonstrate the love and grace of Christ through various acts of care and support.

Bringing to Freedom

Starting in mid-September, Richard will lead a new group through the “Bringing to Freedom” program. Using multimedia teaching and group work, participants will learn to recognize the activity of spiritual beings, analyze various situations and problems, and apply biblical principles that bring freedom.

Since there are still spots available, please pray with us that the Lord will encourage more Francophone believers to participate in this training.

Famille

Since Marie-Anne and Timothy couldn't come to France to celebrate Christmas with Jonathan and us as planned, we decided to visit them instead! In February, we went to Lyon to belatedly celebrate Valérie's birthday with Jonathan. Then, in late March, we flew to the US to spend a few weeks with Marie-Anne and Timothy. The time spent with each of them recharged our batteries and did us all a lot of good.

We are thankful for everyone's faithfulness in praying for our children. Many of you have prayed for them for a long time. Some of you have known them since they were babies. Others met them when they traveled to the US for the first time. However, the family has decided it's time for a change. In the future, we will only share updates about them when there's a special event or a specific prayer need.





Thank you again for your prayers and support for our ministry and for those we serve.

Richard and Valérie

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