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On the road again!

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News from the Morris family

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Dear Bill,

Open your car door, get behind the wheel, start the engine, and start driving. Keep going until you've gone **550** miles. Wait two or three days, then drive home. Then, one or two weeks later, drive **500** miles again, but this time in a different direction. Two days later, drive back home. That's exactly (or almost exactly) what we recently did.

In September, we drove **1,100 miles round-trip** to Houlgate on the Normandy coast for a weekend retreat with the Evangelical Church of Plaisir. Then, in October, we traveled **1,000 miles round-trip** to a forest retreat center in northern France for a weekend with the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Toul.

Evangelical Church of Plaisir: "Grace and Love among Christians."

Over the weekend, Richard gave four teachings on grace and love. Here is what the church's pastor had to say:

We were delighted to welcome Richard Morris as our speaker, accompanied by his wife Valérie. He taught us about healthy relationships within the community through love, listening, and forgiveness—all under the umbrella of grace. Through these teaching sessions, we discovered and rediscovered what a community that seeks to live out Jesus' commandment to love one another (John 13:34–35) should look like. Using illustrative teaching methods and concrete examples, Richard helped us become more aware of God's love and His welcoming embrace toward us—by grace—so that we, in turn, might demonstrate that same grace through love and a welcoming spirit toward our brothers and sisters.

Our church was richly blessed through these teachings. We particularly appreciated that Richard adapted his approach to our needs by providing opportunities to discuss in small groups so we could delve deeper into what we had heard. We thank God for their ministry.

Evangelical Mennonite church of Toul: "Discernment brings spiritual maturity."

Over this weekend, Richard taught that using discernment, sound judgment, your spiritual gifts, and living a holy life leads to spiritual maturity. Here is what one elder said about the teaching:

Thank you so much for the teaching, which was very enriching. New insights, deeper understanding, reminders… everyone was challenged in some way. The Pastoral College is considering revisiting the topics covered so we can discuss them as a community, particularly during small group discussions. We had already planned to address spiritual gifts and conduct a "survey"

among volunteers in the congregation on this subject. We are currently exploring which survey method to use. We need to determine what seems best for our congregation. Please pray with us for this.

FYI: These weekends are available in a modified videoconference format for English-speaking churches.

Bringing to Freedom

In mid-September, a group began our 10-session online program that teaches how to recognize and resolve spiritual problems and blockages, including demonic influence in believers' lives. The current group includes a pastor, several church elders, a clinical psychologist, and several believers who want to help others. So far, they've learned:

- Eight fundamental principles for helping believers struggling in their spiritual life, in their relationship with God, or facing demonic attacks or manifestations.
- Various types of spiritual problems and attacks that Christians may encounter.
- The need for listening and non-verbal communication skills.

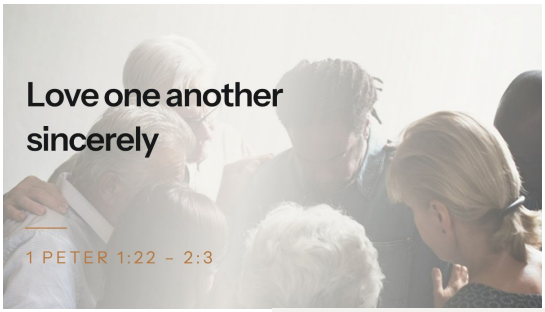
Here's what one of the participants recently said about the training: "Just laying this foundation has been very enlightening for me! These teachings are truly needed in the body of Christ, so thank you again for making this available."

The next two topics are: "Biblical and Extrabiblical Spiritual Beings" and "Four Levels of Spiritual Oppression."

Please pray that at least six people sign up for the French-language training in 2027. If enough English-speaking people are interested, we could offer a modified online version in 2027. If you're interested, please email us!

A word about our support.

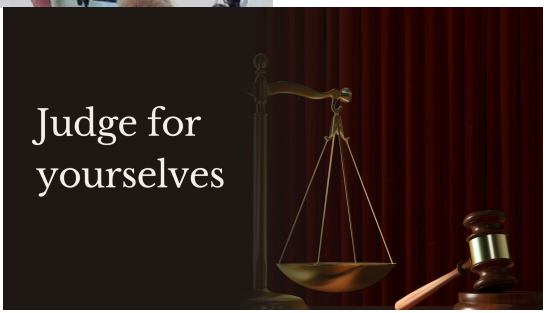
We ended the fiscal year (October 2025 through September 2026) with **98%** of the necessary financial support. To reach 100%, SIM France-Belgium withdrew the remaining amount from our ministry account (funded by donations specifically earmarked to finance our activities). For the coming year, we estimate that we will need **at least $300 (£225)** in additional support per month—**the equivalent of 10 new donors contributing $30 (£22) per month**. This additional support will help us better cover our financial needs, whether or not we can organize a new training session in 2027.



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Words That Bring Peace With God





We are deeply grateful for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your gifts over the past 12 months. With the Holy Spirit's help, you have enabled us to transform lives, help believers grow toward spiritual maturity, and teach how to lead believers to freedom in Christ.

Richard and Valérie

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