

Patty's Praises & Prayer Requests ☺ – January 2016



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I'm thankful for God's faithfulness in 2015. May I (we) trust Him fully for what He has in store for us in 2016, especially in a world of uncertainty. Praise God for the hope and assurance we have in Jesus Christ!



Sylviane & Patrick invited 16 of their friends from church (including me), clubs and former work colleagues to celebrate New Year's Eve together. We ate tons of delicious food thanks to the generosity of each one. Pray that "they will know we are Christians by our love." I am more and more convinced of the importance of collective testimony in wooing people to Christ!

Thanks you for your prayers, partnership and support in 2015... please continue!

CHATEAU OF SAINT ALBAIN:

- Urgent prayer requested! The CEP-Chateau committee, of which I am a part, will be interviewing a second candidate for the position of director this Thursday, January 7. Please pray for wisdom as we prayerfully consider the options and make decisions that will affect the future of this ministry.
- Thanks for praying for the Live Nativity and Christmas Market. Over 1400 people came through the Chateau and heard the biblical story of Jesus' birth. About 300 people accepted a Gospel of Luke and about 170 children took a booklet offered to them.
- As treasurer, I continue to do the bookkeeping by going up to the Chateau at regular intervals. Pray for wisdom as I field various questions from the Chateau staff. In the not-too-distant future I will be working on the year-end financial statement with the CPA. Please pray for my on-going testimony to Denis.
- Pray for Bruce and Karen Beck who are currently in the States through February 8 to attend Engage 5 training with Encompass in Atlanta. We had a special dispensation for them to attend after their arrival in France (on June 1) because of the urgent personnel needs. We already miss them and look forward to their return. They're doing a wonderful job as they work alongside Christelle.
- Pray for Claire Martin who spent her childhood years in France when her parents were a part of our missionary team. She is now targeting to arrive in France the beginning of April for a 2-year ministry at the Chateau. She, too, is currently attending the Engage 5 training in Atlanta. Pray as she raises the remainder of her support and that the visa process will go without a hitch.



HOUSE GROUP: Friday, January 8, we will begin a bi-weekly series on the Beatitudes. Pray that we will grow in our obedience to Christ through these practical exhortations. Please continue to pray for the salvation of several "not yet" believers who have been participating in the house group: Annick, Patrick, Lucie and Sophie. (I just learned that Sophie will be taking night courses and will no longer be able to attend).

BAPTISMS: Pray for Aude and Josiane who will be baptized on Saturday afternoon, January 16. They both are a part of the ladies' Bible study group and my house group. Apparently, about 20-30 unbelievers have accepted their invitation to come. Pray that as a body of believers that we will have a positive witness to some who may have never stepped foot in an evangelical church.

VILLEURBANNE CHURCH

- Pray that God would give strength, wisdom and encouragement to Phillippe Viguiier, the pastor of the Villeurbanne church. It's not easy to follow in the footsteps of Pastor Florent Varak who had served there for 25 years.
- Pray for Jean-Daniel as he serves as an intern and gives leadership to youth ministries (as well as a lot of other things!). Many volunteers contribute to the various ministries for children, junior high, youth, and young adults (both students and working people). May a new generation rise up to believe, love, trust and serve the Lord.
- On February 5 the Villeurbanne church will have "forum" meeting to discuss different issues in preparation for the annual business meeting to be held in March. Pray for unity, wisdom and grace among the elders, church council and members. May our Lord be glorified as we seek His face and fulfill our mission to "multiply disciples, leaders and churches."

CHURCH PLANTS: Please continue to pray for the church in Pont de Chérury (they need a meeting place adapted to their needs), and for the church plants in Trévoux and Montalieu. They have had the joy of recently seeing some conversions. Pray as they continue to labor and reach out in creative ways into their respective communities. Pray that God would give unity of vision among the elders from both mother churches – Action Biblique and Grace Brethren.

CHURCH PLANTING COLLOQUIM: Paul Klawitter, Director of the Encompass CP Network, will gather the members of his network in Dijon, France February 10-15, 2016. Pray that all the details and logistics come together smoothly. Pray for times of spiritual encouragement, equipping, discussions, outings and more as they meet with each other for the first time. Including some mission leadership, there will be 39 people from 11 countries participating, all committed to see the multiplication of churches worldwide.

EUROPE CHARIS PARTNERS: National Ministry Partners from Europe, some church leaders, and some Encompass staff (including myself) will meet in Dublin, Ireland February 18-21, 2016. Pray as we consider issues such as support, encouraging one another, sharing of resources, building common vision, etc. A task force of five has already been discussing these topics during the year. We'll also be able to get acquainted with the newest national ministry partners from Dublin. Thank you to those who participated in the Day of Generosity which supports in part the ministries of our European colleagues.

UN COEUR POUR LYON (A HEART FOR LYON): Please begin to pray now for city-wide initiatives in May by the evangelical churches and works in the area to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pray that I can find better balance in my workload. I didn't get much rest over the holidays because of some pressing needs. I'm thankful for Squirt who tries to keep me from working too hard! In fact, I think she's looking for a lap...

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In Christ,

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