



# THE CURREYER

## HOW FRANCE WORKS ...WE THINK

We are starting our third month in France and are in a learning frenzy. Learning how the school system works, how the hospital works, how ministry works, the banks, house repairs, friendships, cultural 'faux pas', evangelism, bible studies, etc, etc, etc...

### How do hospitals work?

Julia has received 2 transfusions so far in two different hospitals. Just when we feel we have a handle on the medical system, we are thrown a curve ball. Julia's blood type B+ isn't rare

but her blood is because she is missing a common virus found in France. This poses a problem each time she needs a transfusion. However, we are very pleased with the care she is getting, even though we sometimes feel as if we've landed on Mars.

### How do schools work?

Annie Leigh has been attending school here in Azereix. She is brave to go everyday and tries to participate without understanding French or being able to communicate. There are many

holidays, planned strikes and vacation days in France so it's a daily guessing game (at least for us) to know when school is in session. A few Monday's ago Annie and I (Sara) walked in the rain to school only to find the gates locked. After returning home, puzzled as to why the school was not open, I saw the morning news. Pentecost holiday! Of course, everyone in France knows you don't go to school the day after Pentecost. Everyone, that is, except the "Californians." We had to laugh at how silly we looked

standing out there in the rain while everyone else was sleeping in.

### How do old houses work?

We love our house, but it is old, really old. What do you do when the hand forged pipe under the sink disintegrates?

### We've got it!

Its human nature wanting to know 'it all' and then be able to explain 'it all' to others. When we fess up and admit all we don't know however, I think we finally get it!



## PARTNERING WITH A LOCAL CHURCH

Last Sunday we stood before the congregation of the *Eglise Protestant Evangelique of Tarbes* and gave our testimonies in French (a requirement for those seeking membership).

There are three small churches in Tarbes with a total evangelical population of about 250. In a city of 50,000 that's about 0.5% evangelical.

This church, led by Dominique and Anne Ferret desires to plant other churches in Southwestern France. As PIONEERS is committed to empowering

the church to plant churches this will be a strategic base for us and allow us to be involved in a local church plant as we carry out our greater European responsibilities.

Although the church is small it is incredibly strong and healthy. Dominique and Anne have been in ministry for 30+ years and are strong, visionary leaders with a passion for a truly 'missional' church.

The church is currently praying for an opportunity to plant a sister church in Lourdes, France (about a 10 minute drive from us). See the article on the backside of this newsletter for more details on that.

Pray for us as we engage this church in missions.



Eglise Protestant Evangelique de Tarbes

## TEAM EPAPHRAS

Do you have a burden to reach the unreached with the Gospel? There isn't a more powerful way than through prayer and intercession. Epaphras figured that out 19 centuries ago... Paul wrote to the Colossians of Epaphras, who was living in Rome at the time, that he 'has been working hard' on their behalf in prayer. (Colossians 4:13)

Go to our website and sign up for our Team Epaphras!

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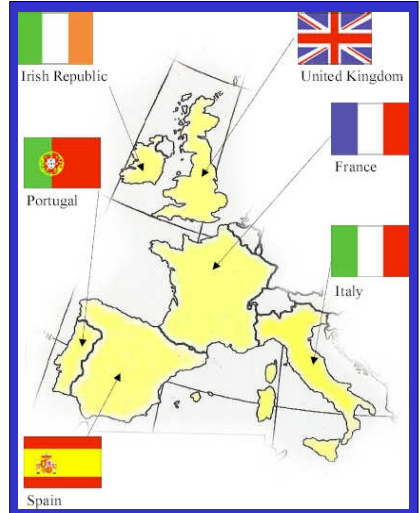
# MINISTRY IN THE UK

This past May Steve traveled to the UK to explore ministry to Muslim and Chinese immigrants. PIONEERS has since 'acquired' two teams, one in Bradford ministering to Punjabi Muslims from Asia and another in Manchester reaching out to Chinese college students.



A MOSQUE IN BRADFORD, ENGLAND

You'd be surprised to find out that in Bradford nearly 1/2 of the population is Islamic. And, over the next 10 years Manchester university plans to welcome nearly 225,000 students from mainland China. Please pray as these two teams grow. Pray for Darryl and Bryan, two new PIONEERS workers who will be leading these teams. Pray for wisdom as they integrate into the PIONEERS family.



## PRAY FOR PIONEERS IN SOUTHWESTERN EUROPE

### FRANCE

Vance, Patty and Valerie as they transition from full time language learning to ministry in Montpellier

The Hugheys as they move forward in partnership with the church of Tarbes

The Parentys in Biarritz studying language and partnering with a house church, developing a surf cafe

The Curreys to grow in language and leadership. Annie to make a friend at school

### SPAIN

The Millars and Sparks as they seek the Lord for His direction as their team transitions from language to full time ministry

David Amann who begins working among Basque high school students this summer

### PORTUGAL

Matt and Kiri as they partner with the Portuguese Bible Institute and train church planters

### UK

Bryan and Emmi working with Chinese college students in Manchester

Darryl, Lois, Andy and Catherine working with Muslims in Bradford, Leeds and Liverpool

### REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Pray for work to begin through a PIONEERS/Christian Surfers partnership in small unreached towns along the western coast

# LOURDES, FRANCE



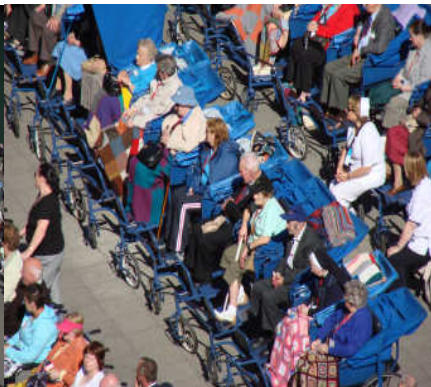
come in searching for some kind of blessing.

There are a few problems with misplaced spiritual hunger though. Scripture is very clear that there is but "ONE mediator between God and man... Christ Jesus (1 1Tim 2:5)." The "power" of Lourdes rests in an experience that a young girl had 150 years ago. She "saw" the mother of Jesus... People come to Lourdes in hopes that Jesus' mother will pray for them and heal their ailments. They purchase candles, get prayed for, do good things and take home "blessed" water.

Our church in Tarbes desires that a bible believing church be planted in Lourdes and that many pilgrims each year would have an opportunity to encounter the ONE true mediator... Jesus.

Would you join us in praying for a leader to head up this church plant? There "was" a church in Lourdes several years ago but it succumbed to division and eventually dissolved. Lourdes is a spiritually difficult city for ministry as the city's economy is fully based on the pilgrimages.

Those familiar with Catholicism have certainly heard of Lourdes. This city, 10 minutes from our home in Azereix welcomes nearly 5 million pilgrims each year. So, isn't it a blessing that nearly five million people come each year to Lourdes spiritually hungry, seeking a touch from God? Some come out of obligation, others seek healing, all



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