

THE NELSENS



June 3, 2011

Dear Faithful Supporter:

Greetings from La Rochelle, France. We want to thank you for your continued faithful support of our ministry. The Lord has been abundantly good to us, and we are excited about several ministry opportunities He has provided for this summer.

On June 29, we will have the privilege of welcoming Tyler Betz for a six-week visit to La Rochelle. Tyler is a 19 year-old Bible college student who has expressed a real desire to serve the Lord through this trip. The presence of Tyler is especially poignant to Mark. During the summer of 1986, Mark was also 19, attending the same Bible college as Tyler, and visited La Rochelle. We believe you can see certain similarities, and you know the rest of the story for the Nelsen family. Please pray with us that God would use this trip to not only expose Tyler to the spiritual needs of France, but also to God's plan to redeem people from every tribe, tongue, and nation.

During Tyler's stay with us, he will be able to accompany Mark to the Good News Camp. For the last 30 years, this camp has been run by Baptist missionary Paul Dedeyan, and a number of our church youth have attended their youth weeks. Mark has had the privilege to speak at this camp over the last four summers. This year Tyler and Mark will be involved in the camp's three-week youth camp. Tyler has accepted to be a jack-of-all-trades and will be participating in everything from teaching English to cleaning toilets. Mark has been given the responsibility of teaching the 13 to 18 year olds but has thankfully relinquished the "cleaning" responsibility to the strong, healthy American visitor. We ask you to pray that God would work in the hearts of these French teens.

Over the last several months, we have had an influx in visitors to our church services. We have seen individuals from South Korea, Brazil, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi and the Ivory Coast. Most of these visitors are students, and many of them have become regular attendees of our church services. The importance this matter is two-fold for our church. First, we desire to have a spiritual impact on the lives of these young adults so that they can return to their countries spiritually stronger. Secondly, we believe that the presence of these international students will have an impact of the global vision of our church. When a South Korean states that her brother is a missionary in the United States, many of our church members reply, "Really, there is a need for more churches in the States?" My response is, "Yes, and maybe a French missionary can help accomplish this goal."

Yours in Christ,

Mark and Denise
Mark, Denise, Zacharie, Emilie and Alissa Nelsen

P.S. If you did not receive our first electronic Spring 2011 Nelsen's Newsletter emailed out on June 2, please send us your email address at: nelsennewsletter@aol.com