

Dear Praying Friends,

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What would we do without you? When I start mentally composing a letter to you, I know it is time to put my words in black and white. Keep us on your prayer list.

We were 28 people in church (3 visitors) recently and barely 20 the next. Exchanges however are sweetly deepening. Ukrainian believers are meeting in our facilities at 5 pm every Sunday now. My weekly church prayer list challenges prayerful intercessors; our midweek prayer meeting is gaining participants.

- A new believer **CL** (29 yrs) is suffering. Some type of muscular dystrophy has affected his ability to maintain balance and keep working. Add to that a difficult separation. A couple in our church mentor CL. Pray that he grows in Christ.
- **DE** hungers after the Word. Her partner is Muslim from @Igeria. In good Oriental fashion, he made cous-cous for us recently. Her two teenagers haven't wanted to meet us yet. Their new business takes their time, and we are never "alone" with her. On her Facebook page, she spoke of our church and us and especially about our LORD announcing her peace and joy in Jesus. Look on Steve's Facebook wall.
- Our 15 yr old neighbor **IO** keeps attending church. She and I meet every two weeks as well and she is starting to ask pertinent questions.
- Other people are dealing with private situations involving the occult or witnessing to people involved in the underworld. We are in enemy territory.
- You have prayed for my Sunday School class. **Ivane** is changing and growing and last Sunday, his friend from Karate attended church with his mom. Both boys couldn't have been happier being together in my class. Church growth will happen when children start coming! Keep praying.

Joys and pain all come at unexpected times. My "cookie evangelism" each January brings encouragements in our neighborhood. We are praying for wisdom in a delicate church situation we are following elsewhere. We carry Anna, our daughter in western New York, as best we can as she puts pressure on the powers that be to see her husband liberated. This is an emotional rollercoaster, but we believe strongly that in God's timing, he will be released, and we will have grown in our confidence of God's loving care.

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Dust starts flying Monday March 4th. The brother in Christ, doing our house transformation work, suffered back problems giving me extra time to empty the living room, bedroom, and closet. **AUR** attends church but her believing husband, deeply hurt by Christians, has not been ready to meet us or visit our Fréjus church. He, however, readily offered to come help us move furniture. We would love to have this couple attend church together!

I could share so much more.... but this brings you up to date. God is able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think....to Him be all the Glory.

In Christian love,

Rowena (and Steve) Barnes in Fréjus France