

*You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many 2 Corinthians 1:1*

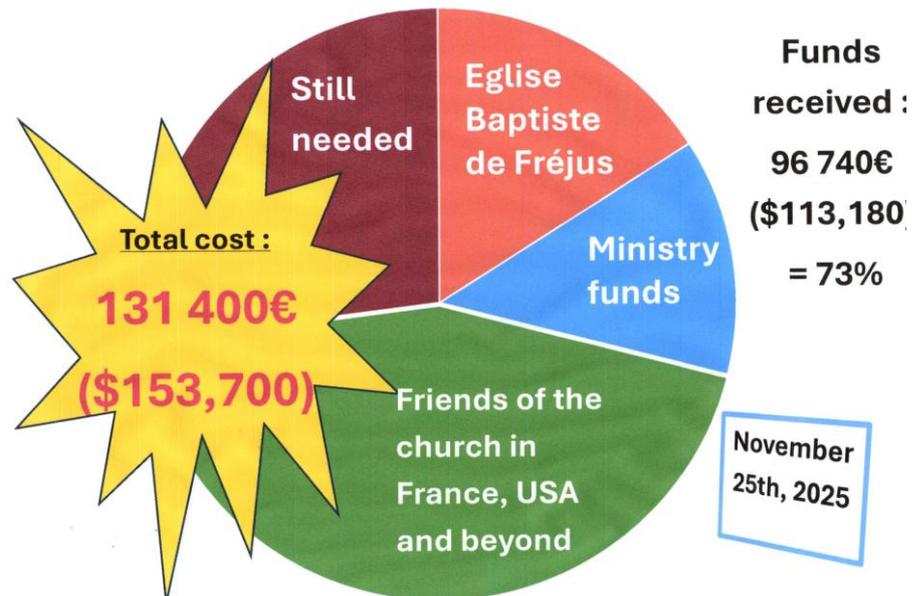
**November 2025**



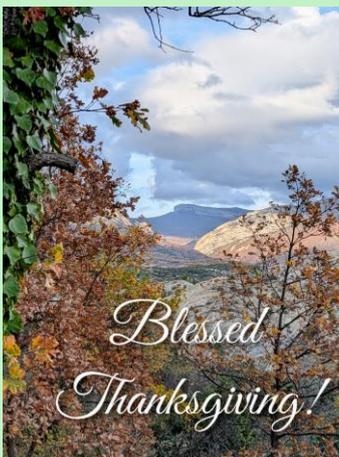
This verse expresses our feelings as we go through with the purchase of one of the two properties that compose our meeting place for the Fréjus church. Your praying with us has encouraged others (some we have never known) to pray and express gratefulness to the Lord. Thanksgiving is not just a holiday; it is a time of actual worship for God's generous provision. **We now have 73 %** of the amount needed for the purchase. A lady in France, whom we have never met, wrote recently to say that she had heard about our project through a mutual friend. She wanted to send a gift because France needs to hear the message we carry. The way the Lord is providing is testimony to many who are watching Him establish this church. Before we came to southern France, I was told that I was brave to even go to Fréjus to work. This is our retirement project, and the Lord is making it a blessing to us and many more.

Rowena's ongoing "lists" include news about subjects you have already prayed for or to suggest new needs to carry to the Throne of Grace. You can rejoice with us, knowing you have "helped" us.

Steve and I are gearing up for the **Fréjus church Christmas program on December 14th**. It is a lighter load because



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Kristi Colas (music missionary to French churches) offered to direct a "choir" (8 members) and invest in people doing special music. The Ukrainians who meet on Sunday afternoons in our facilities will participate as well. Finding ways to include all who want a part is a challenge here like it is in your churches. One blessing we already see is the developing church spirit. Steve is coordinating all the efforts, and I am running behind thinking of the details.

In God's great Harvest Field, we may sow the Seed, fertilize with love, rake the ground or harvest the fruit. An unexpected blessing to us personally and an eye-opening maturing process for our church people is to experience the relationship Steve has with the church that is literally touching ours. They are from Spanish Gypsy

background but are now settled in Fréjus, having the particularity of being part of the “spiritual fruit” of his dad’s ministry in the 1970’s. Yesterday (November 21st) they used our facilities and crammed 180 people into our building for their evangelistic outreach, taking photos ahead of time to be sure to be able to put things back in order. They taped shut the doors that were off-limits and their meal was served in their church building. This morning, before church, one of their leaders came to find me to tell me what a spiritual father Steve is to him. Our ministries look different, but what joy to be laboring for the same cause.

**December 15-20<sup>th</sup>** will find Steve teaching his **course on “Church Planting”** at the Bible institute in northeastern France. A French couple in ministry, and with relatives in our area, visits us December 11th. Family from Italy celebrates Thanksgiving with us and more family arrives December 26th. At least four young teens (maybe more) are looking forward to coming to our next **church youth meeting in our home December 21st** – sloppy joes will be on the menu!

January hopefully will be a time of investing in potential new members to be voted into the church family at our business meeting in March. **The church purchase will be finalized January 16th.** Personally, I ask you to pray as I pull together the ladies who are willing to help with the children’s church ministry. I must sort my materials and make the training practical and lay a good foundation. You have already been praying toward this end.

The harvest is not over; the fields are white, waiting to be harvested. Thank you for allowing us to represent Christ here. Two days ago, a cashier recognized the name BARNES that Steve gave her for the records. She spoke of childhood memories of them and Steve informed her that they were his parents. We plan to meet with her for coffee.

With thanksgiving dripping from our hearts,

*Steve and Rowena BARNES*

**Please pray** for Steve’s brother, Andrew, and his wife, Wanda Barnes, and their daughter, Michelle, in Des Moines, Iowa. Wanda is having serious complications after major back surgery on November 4<sup>th</sup> and emergency surgery on November 15<sup>th</sup> to clean out a resistant infection in the wound. Through a Picc Line, she is presently receiving every 8 hours the one antibiotic that is specific to her needs. She gave me a green light to inform you. You may want to encourage them. Wanda Barnes c/o Michelle Barnes Prairie Glen 1513 SE Delaware Ave Apt 5, Ankeny, IA 50021 [wmbarnes77@gmail.com](mailto:wmbarnes77@gmail.com)

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