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Dear Praying Friend,

Greetings from La Rochelle, France. We want to thank each of you for your continued faithful support to our ministry. As you will see, God has been faithful, and we are thankful that He answers your prayers for us and our work in France.

In our last prayer letter, we mentioned that Mark and our daughter, Alissa, would be working for two weeks at a Christian youth camp. Both had the privilege of teaching God's Word to 20 children each day over the two-week period. It was such a blessing to know that for several of these children, it was the first time in their lives that they heard God's Word. Of equal importance was witnessing some of the older children make decisions to live more faithfully their faith in Christ. There were 121 children at the camp, and we are thankful that God guided and protected all of us during the entire camp. Please pray that what was planted during those two weeks will continue to grow in the lives of all the children.

On October 19, our church will be hosting another evangelistic meal. This time, we will be focusing on the French Reformation and the Huguenot believers. La Rochelle was a major center of Huguenot activity, and at one point in history, nearly every citizen of our town was a follower of Christ. Sadly, this revival ended with the death of 20,000 citizens of La Rochelle, and many thousands were also sent into captivity. But there was a moment when God's Holy Spirit saved in a mighty way in our adopted hometown. During this evangelistic meal, we will be eating food from this time period, singing songs related to this historical event, and sharing the story of God's work in La Rochelle. Please pray that many unbelievers will attend this meal and be touched by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we are writing this letter on September 29, we have just experienced another tremendous blessing from the Lord. Tonight, we officially began our weekly outreach to international students. Our local bakery gave us an abundance of food, and we sent out an announcement to inform students of this distribution. As with each year, the beginning of this ministry confronts us with a colossal problem: we have absolutely no clue how to contact new students. Officially, the government refuses to give us access to the student dorms. Without this access, it is always complicated to inform new students of our ministry. Yet, God has always been faithful, and we always minister to a good number of students. Thankfully, God continued His faithfulness, and tonight we were able to meet 12 new students (four Chinese, three Mexican, and seven Brazilian students). Please pray for these students, and for those whom we will meet in the coming weeks, that we will have multiple occasions to share the Gospel with them.

As always, we are truly thankful for your prayers for our ministry. It is an honor for us to be your mission partners in France, and we praise God for what He is doing in our ministry.

Yours in Christ,

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