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***Monthly prayer letter***

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Dear friends,

A very sincere thank you to all of you who prayed for us during November when Dave's programme was quite intense! He experienced God's grace and support, not just to get through it (!) but in communicating what is on his heart to the different groups he was speaking to.

*We have two major prayer requests for this month.*

(1) The nascent church plant here in Clichy.

We have held three services (one a month) this Autumn at the Holiday Inn near our home. Each time there have been about ten of us present and we believe the Lord is bringing a core group together. Our next service is planned for the 12th December - but we have just received a message from the hotel saying they want to considerably increase the rental of the room (to well over what we can pay). We don't know why the hotel has suddenly decided this but we see it as a form of spiritual opposition. Dave has spoken on the phone to a member of their sales team. Please join us in prayer that the management will hear our plea that we would like a long term satisfactory partnership with them at a price we can afford.

(2) The next AGM of the CNEF (National Council of French Evangelicals) on 7th December.

The whole afternoon, from 2pm to 4pm, will be devoted to hearing the report of the Evangelism Commission (which Dave chairs) on how we can reach the millions of our fellow citizens who have had no contact with any church, and thus with the Gospel, sometimes for several generations. During the second part of the afternoon, there will be group discussion on what would be the best way forward for our churches in this context, and what role the CNEF may have in encouraging a change of paradigm in French Evangelical Churches.

*Could you also pray for a couple of other meetings?*

- On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 1st December (15:00 to 18:30), Dave is running a two-day "retreat" on-line for the group of European pastors he is mentoring on Church Revitalisation. Each afternoon he and his Romanian co-leader Daniel Fodorean will be sharing on the Biblical basis of revitalisation, good leadership practices and today's societal context.
- Preaching at the Paris Apostolic church on Sunday morning 5<sup>th</sup> December and leading their new monthly evening service on 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our whole family will be staying in a big house we have rented in Normandy 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Dec (Covid permitting), the first time all together for at least three years. We're looking forward to that!

With our love in the Lord,

Dave and Mary