

THANKFUL LEE 4 FRANCE

Peter and Katherine | Missionaries to Avignon, France

Prayer

1. **2015 Praises:** 10th anniversary; Legoland, CA trip; Good health and craft coffee; mission partners, you!!!
2. **Peter's missionary license:** theology paper and class
3. God's provision and our diligence in meeting with potential **partners**
4. French partner **Pastor Thierry** to lead the Avignon church in shining Christ's light

Partnership

Merci beaucoup to new partners raised through #Giving Tuesday for God's mission to Avignon, France!

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Christ: the Light, Peace, and Hope of France!

On November 13, my (Katherine's) sister living in Paris texted, "Hello Family. We are all ok at home." News of the terrorist attacks quickly took over the internet. I listened in French to FranceInfo.com for the bizarre details of violence in the 11th arrondissement of Paris where I used to live...my heart broke.

As France faces dark times, what do we know? Christ is the light, peace, and hope of France! God has given us a renewed urgency in His timing for our mission preparation. We pray for the peace of Christ in France, which has the world's 4th greatest decline in religiosity. In Avignon, we pray for our partner church's Christmas outreach events and continued ministry to bring healing through the spiritual hope in Christ.

Looking to the new year of 2016, may you also find moments to share the light, peace, and hope of Jesus with others.





Kid's Cultural Corner

Theodore (6)

Uses his newly learned French, "Bonjour, Maman!" ("Hello, Mommy!") and sings the French alphabet song.

Favorite part of Christmas: decorating the tree

Boaz (9)

Favorite French word: *excusez-moi* (excuse me)

Looking forward to sleepovers, a chess tourney and praying for snow (God answered but resulted in rain due to global warming) during Winter Break

Thank you! Merci beaucoup!

Peter and Kathy

PS Please find the enclosed card to help with donating.

Hope in Partners in Christ

This past month, we shared about our mission to Avignon, France at The Redemption Church, TheRedemptionChurch.com. God not only encouraged us through the worship time but also in our conversations with individuals, especially with Fei. She introduced herself energetically, "I studied abroad in Avignon!" We struck up a conversation about her experience. It was evident that God had opened her heart for Avignon. She just happened to visit the Redemption Church that Sunday, but she ended up confirming God's plan to bring partners across our path.

Every single partner joining us in God's mission to Avignon gives us hope for the preparation ahead. We are tremendously thankful to God for you and your financial support, without which it would not be possible for us to go.

Your prayer support is another essential role, if not more important. Through prayer, you can unite with us and with the French believers. Websites such as impactfrance.org or prayforfrance.org will email prayer updates for France.



We feel privileged to partner with the church in France to share with others the faith of the few Christians in France. The inspiring excerpt below is from the Vincent Mieville, president of our partner denomination written following the Paris attacks:

Au cœur même des ténèbres, nous voulons regarder à la lumière du Christ. Car celui qui a partagé nos souffrances jusqu'à la mort est aussi ressuscité, c'est pourquoi nous pouvons rester debout et ne pas céder à la peur. Sachons être au quotidien des témoins vivants de cette espérance!

Translation: Even in the heart of darkness, we want to see the light of Christ. For he who shared our suffering to the point of death is also resurrected, this is why we can stand up and not give in to fear. Let us acknowledge, in the day to day, to be living witnesses of this hope!