

Those Who Serve:

Opening Prayer
 April 20 **Charles Hall**
 April 27 **Evan Hall**

Communion
 Colin Morrison **Olan Bacon**
 Assist **Joe Burnsed** **Charles Hall**
 Assist **Evan Hall** **Joe Holloway**

Dismiss Services **Olan Bacon** **Charles Hall**



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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent
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Greetings to all of you in the Lord,

These last two months have been long, with lots of work but rewarding for the Lord's work. This February a group of 14 youth and 2 adults from the congregation travelled to Strasbourg to encourage and motivate the small congregation were Brother Daniel Frerot and his wife Tammy labour. They left on Friday late afternoon and came back on Sunday evening. While there they knocked doors, gave out brochures, talked to people in the street and invited contacts to come to church! They encouraged the members, and for some of our young people it was their first experience in evangelism, also it was great for them just as much for the Strasbourg Church.

Brother Ilan, the Turkish brother came one evening and said "That he wanted to talk to us, meaning Rose and I" I figured that he had a problem, and indeed he had as he had tried out for a new job for two months got it and after the two months, his boss told him "That He didn't need him anymore!" Since an apartment was furnished with the job, he was out of the apartment. So he asked us "If we could keep him for 1 week to ten days" We did for a little longer, then since he was not able to find a job, he decided to go back to Istanbul, Turkey to stay with his parents and try to get a job there.

Just before Brother Ilan left for Istanbul, a Turkish born Bulgarian, man supposedly a member of the Church came to our door seeking for help, since he did not know French or English we were glad that Ilan was with us. This way he was able to communicate and translate for us. After a few days he turned out to be that he was a member of an evangelical church back in Bulgaria, and he also needed a place to stay and was looking for help. We fed him when he came but didn't keep him but Rose gave him some clothes and a blanket and sleeping bag. This man came to France to raise money to buy an apartment back in Bulgaria

for his family. You see up until a few months ago he was living with his family who are Muslims and once they find out that he was Christian they tore up his apartment and chased him and his family out of the house. His wife and two children went to live with an old lady, while he came to France and contacted churches to give him money to buy a place for him and his family. He seems like a very nice man but it was difficult to communicate when he neither spoke French or English. He has learned a few words in French.

The apostle Paul says in first Corinthians 3:6 "I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth." indeed God caused the growth in the heart of Franc Delormel, to the point that he requested to be baptized for the remission of his sin, so I baptized him on Tuesday the 11th of March in the afternoon. What a joy on his face and all of us. When he came out of water "He said it was like a weight that was lifted off him."

My home Bible studies are going well. Presently I have five Bible studies per week, the one on Tuesday with Frank and Liva, and Wednesday morning I started a Bible study with Ko a Chinese Laotian man, who has been coming to studies and worship for the last few weeks. I also study with our grandson Emmanuel. Thursday I continue my study with Montoban family and Saturday with Cirlina Marie.

We finished working on the program for the annual retreat of the Church of Christ and send the information to the congregation in France, Belgium and Switzerland. I began working on a PowerPoint presentation based on my study the "Kingdom and Reign of God." Brother Sylvio Salomon the Evangelist from the Church of Christ in Mauritius Island told us that his brother Jean Claude, was diagnosed with a brain tumour and lung cancer. Rosemay, the new sister in Christ that was baptized back in December in Mauritius Island, died from her cancer just recently.

Brother Roy Wiltes, from here had to fly to Boston to get his Mother who has terminal cancer than took her to New York to visit family and then took her back to Haiti so she could finish her life in her country.

The secretary of one of our supporting congregations in Rhome, Texas, Sister Joy Hussey and her husband Bob visited us with their daughter Cheryl from Colorado. We indeed enjoy very much their visit even if it was short and appreciates the gifts they brought from them and the church. It was especially nice as they were out of town when we visited Tx. On our last furlough, Vance Trefettren one of the elders from the church in Monroe, North Carolina was passing through Paris because his work, and stopped in for worship. It was good to see him even if it was a very short visit; Brother Vance was born in France while his father was stationed in the military in the Alsace Lorraine region.

Prices of everything are going up, between Dec. 2007 and Feb. 2008 all the dairy products, like milk, butter, cheese etc went up by 40%, meat, fresh fruits and vegetable have gone up between 24 and 35%. With a barrel of oil over \$100 prices of gas is also up, right now a gallon of unleaded gasoline goes between \$8.58 and \$10.18 right here in Paris. In the immediate suburb, we can find it 10 to 15 cents cheaper outside of Paris. Do count your blessings even if you pay over \$3 a gallon in the U.S.A. We count our blessings and are blessed to have so many of you making us mindful of your love for the lost and your love for us.

Until next month may God continue to richly bless you. Roland



Franc ready for baptism

Look at the joy

From Rose

Dear Ladies,

I'm doing this in the new computer so if anyone wants to hear from me email me. Busy with company and helping Rose Mary with Emmanuel and Lily Rose. She has complications so will be soon stopping work so please pray for her and upcoming little baby girl.

I've had Kadyja, Sylvie and Natlie as students and Jean Claude when he could come. This is for English/Bible studies. I will be teaching 3-5 years old in April and be in the nursery one week soon.

Lily Rose may have tubes put in her ears the 8th of April if she doesn't have any more infection. We ask for your prayers for her,

Roy and family, Mania, and for all the contacts that Roland has been so busy studying with. Note the pictures of the baptism of Franc and the picture of our Filipino group. Yes now we have three groups meeting here. I've had bronchitis and Rose Mary too. Better now and enjoying Spring flowers in my window boxes.

Especially enjoyed the visit with Bob and Joy Hussey and their daughter Cheryl only complaint too short. We thank them for the goodies from the U.S.A. and we thank all of you for caring about souls. We finally got to have the Gerland family in our home for a meal and have had several others. Love Rose



Cans-save cans – we are trying to buy bicycles for the missionaries in India

Medicine Bottles-Remember to save prescription bottles for African Christian Hospitals.

Labels-Remember the labels we are saving

Food Pantry-Remember the Pantry as you shop

Change Jar-proceeds go to the Mothers' Day Appeal for Raintree Village

Social-next week, the 27th **Meetings-next week, the 27th**

Truck from Raintree-will be here in

Raintree Village Annual Mother's Day Collection!
 Raintree Village is a family services program supported and sponsored by the churches of Christ. Child placement and care services are provided on the campus in Valdosta.
 Each year for the past two decades Raintree Village has asked individuals in the churches to remember the needs of children on Mother's Day with a "Special Collection!"
 Your opportunity to make a personal gift will be provided on Mother's Day, May 11th with a special collection.

June, needs are on the back pew

IN MAY OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE TIME WILL CHANGE TO 7:00