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NEXT STEP - MISSIONS

Natha and **Nico** are using their medical degrees to serve in Senegal and Burkina Faso. **Karine** is raising money to serve in the Ivory Coast. **Benjamin** serves with Samaritans Purse working all over the world. **Timothy** is serving a university ministry here France. His brother, **Florent**, is serving in Taiwan. **Brianna** is fully funded to serve in Israel this summer. **Pauline** is working with a Christian organization in England. **Thierry** works full time in his church and organizes mission trips for French people in Nepal. These former/current campers and counselors have heard the Lord's call to missions, and they are stepping up.



It seems that God is placing missions on the hearts of French believers, and particularly the French youth. The church is hustling to keep pace. Praise God that he is calling these young people into his service.

MILESTONES

We ended 2017 with a dinner to celebrate **50 years of the Camp des Cimes**. Three generations of campers were present for the dinner. It was a blessing to look back and thank God for all he's done through the Camp.



NEW LIFE

"I want to announce that I will be baptized tomorrow! I also want to thank each one of you at Camp for all you've done for me and how you've guided me. It allowed me, in part, to get here today." ~Alice



Baptism: That moment when a person publicly confesses that they have accepted Jesus into their life and they want to follow him.

Each year the number of campers asking for baptism increases. The church in France is growing! God is moving!

WINTER CAMPS

We began the winter season with two youth camps and a LOT of snow.

Our friends from Young Life Spain returned again this year. It was a privilege to see young people who came to faith in Jesus through YL now serving as leaders and counselors.



The second camp was a retreat for Greater Europe Mission's missionary kids. The Camp has been hosting this winter retreat for nearly 20 years. As GEM grows, so does this retreat.

Please pray for these kids and their leaders as they face the challenges and experience the blessings of missionary life.

LOOKING AHEAD

As the snow continues to fall, we are preparing to host six camps and church events in the months ahead. Praise the Lord, he has provided us with the counselors and service team help we need. Please pray that he will move in the hearts of all those who come through this winter.

FAMILY STUFF

For three years we have tried, from a distance, to help **Terah** find a good job and living arrangement. She has been very patient in the process, and still does not have a job.



As we've prayed and sought the Lord's guidance, we believe the Lord is telling us that it's time to make some changes. We are not exactly sure what that means, but we are moving forward in faith with what's before us. In April, Brenda will

return to the States to investigate options for both living and job opportunities for Terah. If the process becomes long, which is certainly a possibility since we'll be dealing with government entities, then I will return to join them until a solution is found.

We would certainly appreciate your prayers for wisdom and discernment as we seek to help Terah have a meaningful, productive life.

Rhea was able to be home for the holidays and she helped us with the GEM-K youth camp. She has a year to go to finish her degree at Liberty University, and then the world is wide open. She plans to be here this summer to help with the camps and with the GEM-K summer conference in Slovenia. She would also like to add a short mission trip (or two) to her summer agenda, but that will depend on time and finances. In any case, you'll be hearing more from her as her plans come together.



Noah just finished an internship with Boardlife Skate Shop and is waiting on some more government paperwork to go through to continue on there for at least another six months. He's renting a house with three other people in north Denver and is starting to get involved in a local church. He'd like to be able to join us for the summer camps again this year, but much will depend on his work situation.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Lord doesn't often give us what we think we want, but he always gives us what we need.

Thank you for your loving response to our last newsletter. We received enough year-end special gifts to finish the year in the black and to give us a sufficient support base to start the New Year.

Your faithfulness is a blessing and a confirmation that the Lord still wants us here in France. Thank you for the great encouragement you are to us!

CHALLENGE

As we look ahead to the summer, we want you to know that **we need your help!** We're looking for people who are willing to come and serve on the service team for our four summer sessions.

July 6-22 English Youth Camp
July 25- August 4 Young Adult English Camp
August 3-10 Kids English Camp
August 12-26 French Family Camp

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a great experience that will change your life, we'd love to have you come join us.

Thank you for standing with us for His glory,

Tom, Brenda, Terah, Rhea & Noah

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