



Tom & Brenda Guffey ~ Camp des Cimes, France

SUMMER UPDATE 2020

"Thank you for organizing camps this summer so that we could be here."

By telephone, by email, and in person, this was the overwhelming response we heard as we welcomed people this summer.

We had already begun modifying our sessions when the final Covid-19 regulations were announced for welcoming people at camp. By dividing our two-week sessions into one-week camps, we were able to welcome everyone who had signed up, and even a few more. Knowing the time was shorter was a motivator for all of us to be more intentional about building relationships.

ENGLISH CAMPS



GROUP HAND WASHING

"I like that you tell us what you believe, and not what we have to believe."

Most of our youth campers this year were somehow connected with a church. However, several of them were struggling with the legalistic theology that has been imposed on them. Our great team of counselors had many one-on-one opportunities to provide a listening ear and unconditional love.



YOUNG ADULT ENGLISH CAMP



"I thank God for the Camp and everyone that has been here the past few years. I went through a bad time and you were there to help me. I pray for you with all my heart. You are wonderfully blessed people..."i>

The young lady that left us this note has been coming to Camp for the past five years. Even though she claims to be a non-believer, she still has - and reads - the Bible her counselor gave her the first summer she was here. She explained that all her life she had trouble being accepted, but here at Camp she found acceptance and friends.

BLACK AND WHITE

During the adult camp we were using an art activity to talk about the past year. With a glow in her eyes, one girl said, ***"This past year I ask God into my life."*** Another young lady said, ***"This year I asked God to leave my life."*** By the end of camp, the second young lady had rededicated her life to Christ and had a symbolic second baptism in a mountain river during our overnight hike.



Thank you for praying for these young adults as they seek to trust and follow the Lord.

KIDS' ENGLISH CAMP



The kids' camp was more "normal" than the other camps since there were fewer restrictions for this age group. The real

heroes of this camp were the counselors who showed these kids the love of Jesus 24/7. This camp is currently our fastest growing camp.

FAMILY CAMPS



Our families were very appreciative that we made the effort to organize camps when so many other things have been cancelled.

This year several of the families were participants for one week and helped on the service team for one week. It was great to see these families serving each

other. Several of them asked if they will be able to serve again next year.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

One of the most rewarding things about working here is seeing young people who seem far from the Lord year after year, grow up and decide to give their lives to Christ. This summer several of our leaders had this kind of testimony. Thank you for praying for France. God is indeed at work.



FAMILY STUFF

Brenda made it back to France on August 20th without any problems. It is really good to have her home.

As I write, we are moving forward with wedding plans for Rhea and Florent who will be married here at Camp on September 5th. Things are changing daily, but Brenda was able to find flights for Noah and Terah, but it's still uncertain if they can actually get into France. We know that you have been praying for an opening, and God may be providing one.



Terah is currently staying with family in Odessa. She is hesitant to get too excited about being here for the wedding since Covid-19 is on the rise in both France and the US. If she's not able to come, her aunt and uncle are going to do something special with her on that day.

Noah has received the green light from his job to come to France, if they open the borders. It will take him 4 stops and a bus ride to get here, traversing 4 countries. The plan is for him to go to Texas to pick up Terah, and then they will travel to France together. We're praying that we will all be able to be together as a family for this very special event.



Unless we get stuck in France, Brenda and I plan to return to the US on September 10th to begin a yearlong home ministry assignment. This is something we're required to do every 5 years in order to keep our social security benefits. We hope to see many of you in the coming year.

Thank you for your prayers and for standing with us,
Tom, Brenda, Terah, Rhea & Noah

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