



SPRING 2023

The grass is mowed, the rooms are clean, and as I write this letter, the first summer workers are arriving to begin nine weeks of summer camp.

Last month we hosted an orientation for 72 young people who will spend the summer at various ministry sites around Europe. The



Ten2 program is a remake of the program I first came with 40 plus years ago. The hope is that some of these young people will develop a heart for Europe and return to be a part of mission work here. Three of the participants will be spending the summer helping us here at Camp.



After the Ten2 orientation, we hosted a **retreat for men** with Greater Europe Mission. They were very happy with the

variety of activities our staff provided, and they have already reserved for next year.

After the men's retreat, we hosted a **bike club from Belgium**. There are several believers in the club that make it a point to share their faith and lead Bible studies. It was another great camp where the truth of the Gospel was clearly announced.



To prepare for the summer, we had a planning weekend with our **French counselors**. Most of these young people literally grew up at Camp. It is a great privilege to see them come back now and want to serve the Lord in this way.



In the middle of our summer planning, we were able to squeeze in a picnic party with most of the year-round residents that live in our little village, **La Rivoire**. This is our second get-together, and we're hoping it will become an annual event. Although there are several French families that have summer homes here in La Rivoire, the permanent residents are currently English, Dutch, American, and one French man, our son-in-law, Flo.

The nature of camp work is that while you are holding sessions, you are always thinking and

planning for what's coming up next. Thank you for specifically praying for the staff and campers for our summer camps.

Young Adult English Camp, June 28 - July 6

English Youth Camp, July 8-24

Kids English Camp, July 26 – August 1

Family Camp I, August 4-14

Family Camp II, August 15-25

We are currently recruiting work teams and individuals to come and help us do remodeling projects after the summer, between September 15 – October 20.

Jack and Renee Moorman have been coming to Camp for several years now, both to help with our camps and to supervise work projects. This Spring, Jack's brother and sister-in-law joined them, and they were once again a big help in advancing our Dorm renovation project.



This year, along with great short-term staff, the Lord blessed us with a great team of year-round staff. It's a huge blessing to be able to tell you that all three of our new couples (*including little Elliot, the newest member of the team*) have committed to joining the camp staff for a longer term.



HARRISON, NATALIE, RHEA, FLORENT, HAILEY & TRENTON

FAMILY STUFF

It is truly a gift from God to have **Rhea and Florent** join us full time here at Camp. After many hours of online interviews, they were **officially appointed with Greater Europe Mission** last month.

They are now in the process of raising support and gathering a team of supporters that will pray for them and the work here. Florent, being French, and Rhea, being a French MK, gives them such an advantage. But indeed, the greatest quality they bring to this work is their love for the Lord and their desire to see others know and grow in Him. Thank you for praying for them! If you would like to join their support team, here is their contact info.

Newsletter: <https://theballins.wixsite.com/updates/post/spring-update-2023>

Giving: <https://gemission.org/donatemissionary/rhea-guffey/>



Terah has been actively interviewing for jobs. She has a great new case worker assisting her, and we're praying that the Lord will open the right doors for her. She's enjoying swimming now that the pool is open. Daymark has just acquired two kitties, which she really enjoys. Thank you for praying for Terah.



Noah and Stephanie celebrated their second wedding anniversary in May, and Noah just celebrated his 26th birthday a few days ago. We are grateful for technology that allows us to talk and see their faces regularly. Thank you

for praying for them as they serve in their church and in their Apartment Life ministry.



Thank you for your faithfulness, *Tom, Brenda & family*

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