

The Nelsons in Paris



Dear Friends,

Paris, 16th September 2026

“Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart...” (2 Corinthians 4v1)

There are so many kinds of discouragement and difficulty as we walk through this broken world, and particularly as we try to serve Jesus. If it weren't for his incredible mercy we would be lost. Please pray for us all not to lose heart as we face uphill struggles in ministry in France. We know that he loves to use weak vessels and display his strength when things seem very unimpressive.

Looking back over the summer :

- **Interaction B camp.** Very hot and so more tiring than usual, but a delight to see campers engaging with the gospel, and a spiritually mature animef team who worked hard in serving the camp practically. Bible studies in Malachi were especially challenging and stimulating.
- **Holidays** with the Jervis clan and the Nelson grandparents, plus great spiritual refreshment at Keswick.
- The **2 Timothée 2.2** interns starting their internships in different churches around French-speaking Europe, including Rika settling at Ternes. She is a joy to work with ! Please pray for her and the other 24 interns.

Please pray with us for this autumn :

- Our **PLG church-plant network in Paris**, as several ministry leaders and churches are facing challenges. Please pray especially for healthy ministry work patterns and for marriages to be strengthened in God's grace. At the same time as we face struggles, *Église de la Montagne* celebrates its 1st birthday, *Église Oberkampf* is launching weekly services, and a new plant in the East of Paris is being prepared. Pray we would not lose heart but would persevere, trusting in God's mercy, and driven to our knees in prayer.
- **Church weekend away October 2nd – 4th** with talks on 1 Corinthians 1-2. Please pray we would encourage each other and welcome newcomers to the church family.
- **Evangelie 21 (The Gospel Coalition French-speaking branch) womens' conference** in Geneva **October 16th – 18th**. I will be speaking on 2 Kings 4 in a series on women in the OT.
- **Holiday club October 19th – 21st**, on a boating theme. Please pray for families from the neighbourhood to sign up and for the team to be kind and energetic ! We would love for the kids to see Jesus' power and authority and that he is the only one who can rescue us. We invite the parents to a tea at the end.

The family are adjusting to a new year with new opportunities. Lucie is in her penultimate year at lycée, with medical studies in her sights, Alex made it through all his exams to get a place at an engineering school known simply as '**Ponts**' (Bridges). He is weekly boarding out at the campus and having a great time. Sam is back at Edinburgh, on the CU committee and deciding in which country to do his Masters degree next year. And Nicolas and Lucy... well, by the time you read this they will probably be parents of a little girl. Nicolas is teaching maths at a school near their flat, Lucy is enrolled in a Theology MA, and they are very involved in the church life of *Eglise de la Montagne*. Please pray particularly for them as they face the delightful upheaval of parenting, and that we would all be supportive (but not invasive !).



Yours because His, Laura and family

Left : With Rika,
my intern for the
next 2 years
Right : the Animef
team on camp

