



WAY2PRAY

WESTERN GREAT LAKES DISTRICT



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Bonjour!

Hello from Paris, France. Our trees are starting to turn colors now that it's October and even though school started at the beginning of September, the kids already have two weeks off from school for fall break this month! Here, children go to school for 6 weeks and then get vacation for two weeks and it's like that through the year until summer.

I, Val, help keep track of money that comes in and goes out of the office for France and for other European countries where we have missionaries. This allows other missionaries to be able to focus on other things and not have to worry about keeping track of the money.

My husband, Mally, works as an assistant pastor in our Paris church that has over 37 different nationalities! He loves to help people know more about God.

We both want to help people know about God and believe it or not, there are many around us who don't know Jesus yet. We want them to hear about how much Jesus loves them. Would you pray that the French people would come to know Him?

Thanks!

Prayer Requests:

- Continue to pray for Pearl, 11, who is still trying to get used to her new school and all the new things going on at school from people to schedules. Pray that she would find a good routine and learn how to respond well to others.
- I would get caught up with my work and be able to take on some new fields.
- Our neighbors to come to know the Lord. We recently connected with the two newest families who have moved into our building.
- Mally and I, that we would put the Lord first in everything and grow in our relationships with Him.



Valary & Mally McLoughlin - France

Feature -

Tony & Raeni (Fayth & Hannah) Roos — France

As we launched back together in early September we have started ministry back in Genesis and at Connected in La Defense. Pray for this ministry.

God has also given us opportunity to help give leadership to the overall France mission field. Monday we leave for three days in central France to clarify where the C&MA will focus its ministry in the coming years. Please pray for these meetings as we meet with

other leaders of the C&MA France team.

- **Prayer Requests:**
- Weekly worship services designed with invited guests in mind. They are level three in our threshold model of bringing people to thresholds where there are invited into deeper relationships and deeper understanding of Jesus.
- Fayth as she is back at Black Forest Academy for her junior year. She is doing great and settling in to new dorm parents and new dorm friends.
- Hannah as she is doing online schooling again this year and has settled well into this year's schooling. We are still dealing with some ongoing medical issues and looking for God's healing in all these these.

Sam & Jen (Jordan, Noelle, Matthew & Katrina) Stemple — Black Forest Academy, Germany

- **Prayer Requests:**
- Please pray for our seniors as they head out for their week long Senior trip this month. Doing this trip at the beginning of the school year allows us to challenge our seniors to leadership and it allows them to build unity as a class. Pray that would happen. That our seniors would step up to the challenge of leading our school in a positive way this year and that God would unify them in that effort. I have often said ... "As goes our Senior class, so goes our school for the year"
- Both Jen and I (Sam) will be attending that trip as leaders, so pray that we can help guide and lead well. Pray also for Matthew and Katie as they will be staying with others for the week we will be gone.
- Pray for Black Forest Academy. We are coming off a fantastic Spiritual Emphasis Week where many of the students were challenged in so many ways. Pray that the stuff that was dealt with or the conviction on hearts would still hold true after the "Spiritual High" wears off and life gets back into routine.
- Pray for our family. The beginning of a school year is always extremely busy. Both Jen and I have ministry responsibilities this month that can be consuming. We need prayer that we will have times of rest and "margin" in our lives and in our family during this time.

Tou Lee & Tang (Abraham & Selah) Thao - Thailand

- **Pray** for our ministry.

Steve & Elizabeth Williams - France

- **Praises**
- We really like it here! We adjusted to the time change quickly. After a day and a half, we were pretty much on schedule. We are seven hours ahead of Central Time.
- We've been able to settle in and meet our basic living needs with minimal confusion and frustration. The people have been friendly and forgiving of our ineptitude.
- Simon and Jude are doing really well! They have several friends here and doing well with school.
- **Prayer Requests:**
- Humility and patience for Steve and Elizabeth. Language learning is tough! It takes a lot of humility and patience to be willing to try something new, sound silly, and make mistakes.
- Transitions and Adjustments - getting to the culture, settling in to a new routine and figuring out apartment life.
- Language partners - Steve and Elizabeth will partner with a native French

speaker. We are each looking for someone with whom we can build a relationship, potentially as an opportunity to share the Gospel. We want to be intentional in this relationship.

- Finding a language tutor for Simon and Jude.
- Balancing five hours of class time, two-three hours of study/homework time, daily living obligations and family time.

S & W - Eastern Europe

- **Praises:**
- A and A are each settled into their respective colleges
- We are back together as a family
- A fruitful first gathering of the leadership team in September
- **Prayer Requests:**
- That the retreat for our field would be restful, full of reconnecting and rejuvenating. John Kitchen will be the speaker.
- That the plans, programs and myriad of details would come together to open the women's shelter sometime this coming Winter or Spring.

B & M - on Home Assignment

- **Prayer Requests:**
- Our kids would be able to have a spiritually healthy environment (school, church, youth group, Christian friends, etc.)
- A smooth transition for our family: packing up here in the US, returning to our last ministry location to move all our storage belongings to our new location, find a house, buy a car (need to raise funds for that!), enroll kids in school, etc.
- Our two older boys who have transitioned back to Europe: M (age 20) returned to Germany to complete his last year of university. P (age 18) is now settled as a freshman in his soccer academy in the UK and loving it! Pray for P's health, that he won't have any migraines, etc. during his very intensive physical soccer program. Pray that both M and P will have Christian friends on their paths and that they will love and walk with Jesus !
- We need God's clear direction and confirmation regarding our next ministry location/assignment. Our scheduled departure is beginning of December. We are speaking with our leaders in the coming days/weeks.

C & S - Asia

- **Prayer Requests:**
- S as steps into a temporary director role as the current director will be on home assignment for a few months this fall.
- C as he helps with the beginning steps of a men's relief ministry.

E & C - on Home Assignment

Pray for our family has we transition for our one year International Workers in Residence.

J & J - Middle East

- **Praises:**
- The safe arrival of our grandson. We are very grateful that we were able to spend the first month of his life with him
- We have been able to spend time with each in our family while in the States
- We were also able to speak with 5 different groups and share about all our Father is doing in our city
- **Prayer Requests:**
- We hit the ground running as we return to our city with language, Studies, and work at

the L Center

- We can continue working with the couple in a Book study, but that other groups would want a study too (specifically Z and D)
- My mom has been told she only has a few months left before she will be with our Savior. Please lift up our entire family as we process this news.

M & L - Africa

- **Praise the Lord** that L was accepted into the Nurse Midwife program. Pray for her as she finishes enrollment, prerequisites and begins her regular Master's studies.
- **Prayer Requests:**
- A and S as school will be starting soon, August 15th.
- M and J as they lead our team here and continue to work out the some of the implications of changes in structure.
- For wisdom as we serve, guide and empower our co-workers here and partner with the many people that God has brought together.

R & M - Asia

- **Prayer Requests:**
- Our visa's will be granted in a short time without question.
- Please also remember our families during this time. The many unknowns of if and when we will be allowed to live and work in our country and the beginning adventures of homeschooling our children is at times quite taxing.

S & K - on Home Assignment

- **Praises:**
- The reopening of the airports in our country that had been closed for nearly 6 months.
- The vision of a local believer to organize a new church.
- **Prayer Requests:**
- To lead our family through some difficult decisions about the future.
- To grow His Church through new believers leading others to Jesus.

T & H - on Home Assignment

- **Prayer Requests:**
- T as he visits churches, sharing about ministry in the Middle East.
- H as she starts her new semester of studies, pursuing her Masters in Teaching English. Especially pray for her schedule as she balances studies and parenting while T is away on Tour!
- Our daughter, O, as she begins 10th grade, both for her schooling to go well and for her to make significant connections with the youth group.
- Our return to the Middle East next year, that God would open the doors for our Residency permits to be approved, in a country that is increasingly anti-Western and anti-Christian.

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