

The Flowers

Church Planting in Charleville-Mézières, France

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Dear Friends,

In our part of the world, every village and city has some sort of memorial commemorating fallen soldiers from World War I. 1916 was a particularly wet year for these French soldiers who were living in trenches, fighting an unseen enemy. In fact, mud became an obsession amongst the men. The sodden earth, pounded by shells, was like a quagmire. Some soldiers said that it was between 4-5 feet thick in places. Many wounded died in the mud, unable to escape, while others were buried in it when walls of earth collapsed. These men needed help. They needed someone willing to rescue them. I was recently in a museum in Verdun where I found this clay sculpture of a soldier attempting to rescue his comrade who was stuck in the mud. This is exactly what our missionary efforts are all about: rescuing others. Each one of God's children should play a part in this effort.



Clay Sculpture from Verdun Museum



For some time, I have been praying to make new contacts among the growing immigrant population of Charleville. During the holiday season, Yasser, a young man from Sudan, happened by and walked into our Sunday service. He was raised in a large Muslim family and decided to improve his life by coming to Europe. His goal was to go to the UK, so he started by traveling to Libya, where they are known for human transport and trafficking into Europe. He eventually found his way to France though and stayed when the government offered him resident status. He speaks fluent Arabic, and after five years, has a good handle on the French language. Yasser was attracted to Christianity after looking through a Bible, and this led him to our door. He has come to services every week since December, and I have had two Bible studies with him in his apartment to answer questions and present Jesus of the Bible. Muslims look at Jesus as just a prophet in a long line of many. It is interesting though to watch them learn the story of Christ's crucifixion and

resurrection for the first time. Trying to win a Muslim to Christ is not a quick process! Introducing truth to someone who has been fed lies all of his life takes time. Yasser is open to Christ and open to the Bible, which is a huge step in the right direction. Please pray for our efforts to win this young man to the Lord.

Our prayer is that you have had a great beginning to the new year. God has wonderful things in store for us in 2026. Thank you for partnering with our family as we seek to rescue people stuck in the mud.

In Christ,

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