



Dear friends,

The Omicron variant of Covid-19 swept through France in January, with a peak of 350,000 cases per day by the end of the month. Although we did not go into lockdown, a number of restrictions were put in place, and as a number of people around me tested positive I spent some time isolating while waiting for my own (negative) test results.

Through February, the daily cases have been coming down again and we are looking forward to the end of various restrictions next week. The 'vaccine passport' will no longer be necessary for most of day-to-day life, and masks will no longer be compulsory except on public transport and in healthcare environments.

Despite the restrictions and isolations, it has been a busy couple of months. The refugee drop-in continued, as did homework club, and I've continued to meet regularly with my muslim friend Irene to read the Bible together. Please continue to pray for Irene to be drawn to Jesus as we read Luke's gospel together.

Parenting Workshops

A particular highlight of the last two months were the parenting workshops that I ran in partnership with another local charity. We had seven mums, all from muslim backgrounds, who attended all three



sessions. It was a great opportunity to get to know these women, to hear about their lives, and to share some biblical parenting principles with them. We hope to run another group later in the spring.

Please pray for these women as they raise their children, and pray that these workshops will provide an opportunity for further conversations and relationships.



Travel Plans

In a couple of weeks I will be heading to Orlando, Florida, in my role as Child Safeguarding Officer, to attend the annual conference of the Child

Safety and Protection Network. This is a great opportunity to connect with people in mission agencies and Christian organisations around the world who are involved in safeguarding children.

After the conference I will fly back to the UK, and I will be in Norfolk for the first two weeks of April, and in the Hertford area the week after Easter. I will be free for coffees with as many people as possible, so please do let me know if you would like to meet up.

Still looking for a host family!

One of the girls in my English homework club would like to spend a week in the UK in early May this year. She has funding to travel from a local charity, and has asked me to help her find a family to stay with. She is 16, an exceptional student and a lovely girl. If you think you might be able to host her, or you know someone who might be interested but doesn't get this newsletter, please do get in touch with me for more details.

Financial Support - Can you help?

Thanks to Brexit, I need to start paying into a French social security fund, which means that I need to increase my support by approximately £500 each month. If you can help with this, either as a new member of my financial support team, or by increasing what you already give, please use the link below to give through GEM UK.

Thank you, as always, to those who support me through prayer and finances - none of this work would be possible without you!

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