

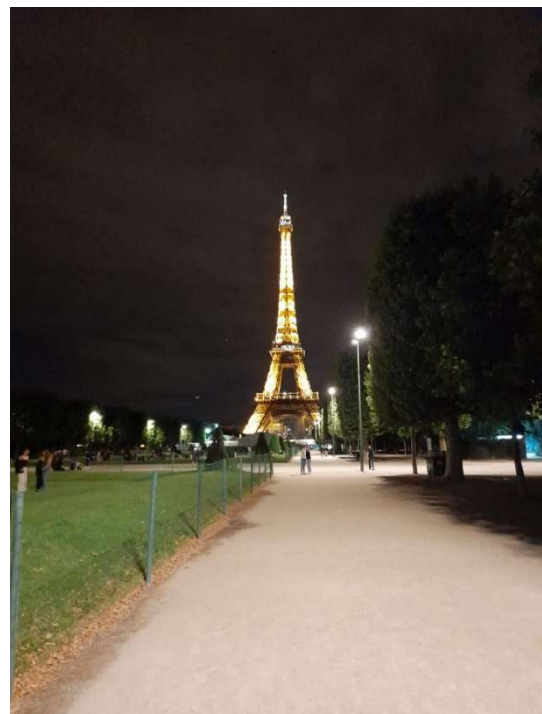
Dear friends,

Once again we are wishing each other a Bonne Rentrée here in France as the new year gets underway. I had a busy couple of months through May and June, with a trip to the USA for Child Safeguarding team meetings, a couple of brief trips to the UK for a wedding and a funeral, a visit from my parents, and a conference in Paris, along with all the usual flurry of activity towards the end of the academic year.

After all that I had a quiet couple of months through the summer, and I definitely appreciated the chance to stop moving and rest! I (finally!) caught covid-19 in July, and although I felt quite unwell for a few days I recovered quickly and have no long-term effects. August has been a lovely month of days out with friends (both local and visiting from England), and days alone to rest, read and reflect.



New York City! The Statue of Liberty is just about visible in the distance.



Hot summer nights in Paris.

Coming up this year!

Before the summer I signed up to the "Assemblée Citoyenne" here in my home town - the picture below is from the welcoming ceremony in the town hall. This is a sort of volunteer council that works alongside the elected town council, with a group in each neighbourhood. Our role is to be a link between the community and the council, to make suggestions to the council, and to organise local events, respond to needs, etc. I'm excited about this opportunity to get further connected into my community, to be able to invest in my town and work for good here, and to build relationships with the council and the mayor. Please pray for the relationships that will be formed and for opportunities to love and serve my neighbours through this group.



I will also be continuing with much of the work I was doing last year, including volunteering at the drop-in, my english high school group, and the parenting workshops. I'm also in discussions with a potential new team-mate about launching an arts based project, with the goal of highlighting and celebrating the God-given beauty of the cultural diversity represented here.

Please pray for all the relationships, old and new, that I have and will have in this town, and that all my activities and conversations will demonstrate the love of God and point people to Jesus.

Cost of Living Increase - Can you help?

I am able to live and work here in France thanks to the generous support of many of you. With additional Social Security costs and the rising cost of living, I need to increase my monthly support. 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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