

# Mayhew family

December 2022 Merry Christmas!



« But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times » (Micah 5:2)

Dear friends,

We want to thank you all for your faithful partnership in the Gospel throughout 2023. We wish you a blessed Christmas as we meditate on Jesus our King, whose coming was planned from all eternity.



## Our first service near Provins

It was very special for our church planting team to celebrate this first service with 35 adults and children gathered in the veranda of one of the families. We joined together to praise the Lord and to listen to his Word in the village of Gouaix, ten minutes away from Provins. Joanne taught the children in the living room. All hands were on deck to launch the project with joyful and grateful hearts. We ask God to provide premises in Provins so that we can effectively reach the population.



## The Mark Drama

This play covers the whole Gospel of Mark in about 1.30 hrs. It was played in the midst of the audience, in the church of Donnemarie, by fifteen actors. Our son Adrien took on the role of Jesus, Joanne was one of the disciples and Laura designed the flyer. We were so encouraged to see quite a few people from outside the Church attend, including our new Mayor.



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## God's work in many Church plants

Philippe has spent a lot of time visiting and encouraging Church plants (he will have to slow down a little). It has been a privilege to see what the Lord is doing in many lives. In this picture taken at the Church in l'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, several people who had never heard about Jesus have now received him as their Saviour.

## Church planters ready to go

Gathered around the table are several Church planters and their wives who have now completed the Acts29 assessment process. We all met in a guest house above Grenoble to share and praise God for the gifts and skills he has granted them and to discern where there is still need for improvement. It was a rich and blessed time together!



## Women of the Word

This training programme organized by Geneva Bible School seeks to help women study and teach the Word of God to other women in the Church. Joanne had the pleasure of translating Kathleen Nielson again in Strasbourg, Geneva and Grasse as they dug into the books of Malachi and Titus.

## Just turned one

Papili and Nana (as we are now called) cannot resist finishing this letter with a picture of their one-year-old grandson **Thomas. Jeremy** continues to work from home in web development for a company based in Lyon, while **Marie** looks after their wee darling. **Dylan** (engineer) and **Laura** (architect) are still living close to Paris, but are thinking of maybe moving farther away from the city. **Adrien** is in his third year at Nogent Bible School and involved in a Church in Paris. He is seeking God's will for next year. The Lord has been providing for his needs in a special way. As for the two of us, we are looking forward to spending time with all the family around Christmas!



## PRAYER ITEMS

\* **5 Christmas Clubs** will be held in Church members' homes over the next two weeks. Joanne and Fanny, the Donnemarie pastor's wife, will be bringing the Gospel to unreached children in the area. May God prepare many hearts to receive the Good News!

\* The **services near Provins** will continue to be held every second Sunday in the month. May God help us to find **premises** in the town itself.

\* Philippe will be teaching master students at the **Aix-en-Provence theological seminar** from January 5 to 7, and a **Church planters' gathering** from January 30 to February 1.

\* We need to discern **God's will for the future**. We might have to move to Provins soon and give priority to the project there if the Lord confirms his call. May his will be done.