

# The French Press

## With the James Carney Family

Dear Praying Friends,

In our last letter we shared some of the hardships of ministry in France, but we also mentioned how God is still working in our church and advancing His kingdom. Here are some of the church's advances from the months of November and December:

The church printed a two-sided flyer to invite the people in our community to join us for our Thanksgiving and Christmas activities. We coupled the invitations with a gospel tract and 11 people from our church and our sister church in Charleville (Pastor Danny Flowers) came to distribute the flyers. After eating lunch we handed out almost 1200 invitations in the towns of Winenne and Beauraing (right across the border in Belgium).

Most Europeans are curious about Thanksgiving and other parts of American culture. We take advantage of this curiosity and use it to draw people to Christ. We had a great Thanksgiving meal and we were delighted to have 7 unsaved visitors who were introduced to the gospel. We were blessed to have one of the church's missionaries come to report during the event.

For December we had several children's clubs where the true meaning of Christmas was explained and where we had a church member dress up as Santa Claus for the children. The kids were encouraged to be generous with the gospel message. We also prepared for a church dinner. Again, we had several unsaved visitors who heard a clear presentation of the gospel.

God blessed each of these efforts. The work is not done; we have much to accomplish before His return... thank you for supporting and praying for God's kingdom here in the dark kingdom of France. May "the light of the glorious gospel of Christ...shine" on France and may 2018 be a year of spiritual advancement for each of you!



*Merci,*

*James & Virginie Carney*