



REACHING A LAND IN NEED.

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Dear Pastor, Church Family, and Praying Friends,

A lot of people who know me well have heard me mention that there is a lack of good Christian music available in French. So in order to get offertory music, I choose songs from an English publication. Sometimes, the songs have already been translated into French. Sometimes, they are just variations based on old English hymns that are rarely used anymore. Either way, I am just looking for something pretty and reflective to play during offertory.

For Mother's Day, I thought I would practice a new song titled "For All the Faithful Mothers." I felt that was appropriate, even though the song is not translated into French. However, the night before Mothers' Day, I looked up the original song online, and I saw that this hymn actually has at least three songs written to the same tune. I asked myself, "I wonder if we have a hymn written to this tune in French?"

As it turns out, we do! And is it a lovely Mothers' Day song? Not at all. It turns out that it's a Christmas song! Needless to say, the mothers didn't get a special offertory for that Sunday, but I do happen to have a new Christmas song ready for this December.

We all make mistakes, and that one made me laugh. However, it's so easy for all of us to make mistakes. That's why it's so important to pray for the Lord's leading and to pray for each other. As one missionary said, if you'd like to pray specifically for missionaries, pray that their message will not appear ridiculous because of their human error. If a mistake is to be made, we hope it reflects on us and not on the Gospel.

The summer has been filled with teaching opportunities and VBS, and now I am preparing for the Back to School Retreat as well as for a ladies' conference my church is hosting. And I am praying for some friends who have shown interest in doing things together and who, so far, have been fairly open to the Gospel. Please pray with me that the Holy Spirit would open their eyes and help them see their need for salvation.

Requests:

- * Back to School Retreat
- * Opportunities to share the Gospel with more people!

Praises:

- * A good VBS
- * Positive response from a neighbor

Thank you so much for laboring together with me in prayer as we both seek to reach a People in Need.

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