

McKiwi News – November 2009



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The building/renovation work at the church started in September. Over two days we entirely removed what had been the church meeting room, leaving only the original building on the site. Two days of hard work, but we had great weather and great fun too.

The builders moved-in the following week to start rebuilding. Within the next couple of weeks the work will move inside with the removal of internal walls, and the installation of outside stairs at the back for independent access to the flat above the church. These next few weeks are going to be very cold in church! We are grateful to other churches in the area who have offered us the use of their building or suggested sharing their morning service with us.



◀ THE ROOF GOES ON

LAST SUNDAY WE HAD A CHURCH BREAKFAST / PRAYER MEETING TO "CELEBRATE" THE NEW ROOF !



Since September we have started up another two house groups, so now we have:

- Vertou Centre – at our place, where from 3 – 7 of us meet
- North – 20kms north of Nantes, 6 people, with a potential of up to 10
- St Mars-de-Coutais – 20kms south/west of Nantes where 5 of us meet
- Vertou "Midi" – a Bible study & prayer group over lunch, 3 – 4 people.
- Pause-Midi – every Wednesday at the church for young people

PRAY: We have experienced real spiritual attacks since the building work started, our enemy obviously doesn't like what we are doing – numbers low at church, discouragements, health & family issues for some. **PRAY:** Pray for finances, that we will not over-run our budget.

PRAISE: For the new house groups and the number of people now involved in them



A couple of weeks ago the French Catholic magazine "la Vie" produced a special edition about the Protestant / Evangelical church in France to mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of Jean Calvin. It was a very positive report and talked in full detail about who we are and what we believe, and that we were NOT a protestant cult.

This has been seen by many as a breakthrough and with the creation of the *Conseil National des Evangéliques de France* (National council of French Evangelicals) starting next year that this may be a new era in France – a time of harvest!! **PRAY:** for the new CNEF council, and the local group here in Nantes that we are involved in setting up.



David started *collège* in September, is growing fast and is determined to eat us out of house and home. He has found his place in his rugby team at the front row of the scrum, as 'prop'. Loves fun and games and "street-surfing"!

Tina is in her last year of *collège* and has to make some big decisions towards her future "career path". At the moment she is trying to find someone to take her on for work experience at Easter. She continues to dance Modern-Jazz here in Vertou.

Yvette is in her second year of *lycée* finding the level quite demanding and her workload and long days can be tiring. She has started teaching Sunday school, helping with the younger 'flambeaux' (scout) group and English to a couple of primary aged children to earn some pocket money, oh, yes and she's discovered shopping ☺.

PRAYER: for strength, health and success, lots of colds and flu' going around at the moment.

Walking by faith...

Twenty years after the start of our big walk of faith we can honestly say it is still hard! We've been hit hard (as everyone else has) by the economic situation, especially the strength of the € against our "supporting" currencies.

John's church in Scotland have just written to us saying that they will reduce their support throughout 2010 and end it at the end of the (financial) year.

Thanks to that church who have supported over the last 20 years. And a big thanks to all the very special friends who continue to support us.

At the same time, just when our finances are at their lowest point we feel that we should be looking at houses to buy. I (John) must admit that I am finding this hard and quite stressful, not having the faith to do what God is asking isn't easy!

PRAY: for us to know God's clear leading and His provision.

PRAY: for finances to enable us to take out a loan to buy a house

PRAISE: for His faithfulness, for your faithfulness for (over) 20 years!

love from *Maryann & John, Yvette, Tina & David*



Look who's [Starring in Google Streetview](#) outside our old house in Vertou ☺ , last summer!!

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